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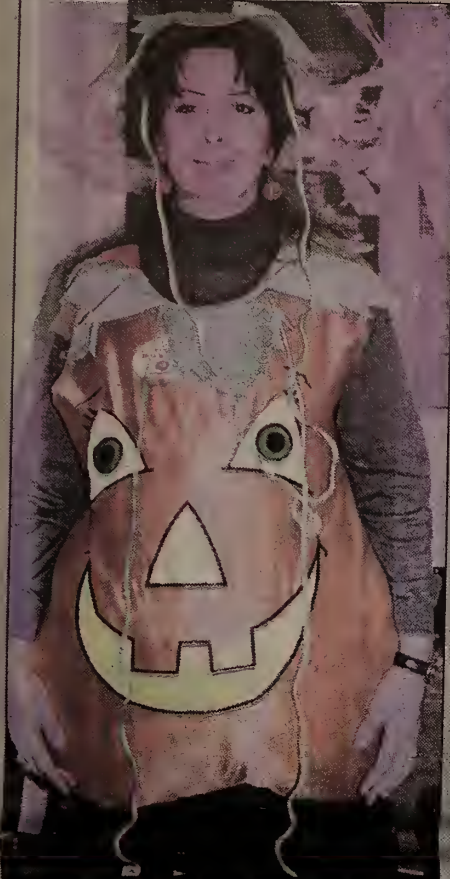
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Clowning around at Conestoga



Jeanette Walker of student services shows her pumpkin disguise Oct. 31.



Linda Kruse (left) and Marilyn Kelly, faculty members in health sciences, were dressed in costume to show their support for the United Way Oct. 31.

(Photos by Erica Ayliffe)

Burglary prompts security changes

By Sarah Smith

New security measures are being considered for the Doon cafeteria in response to a burglary on the weekend of Oct. 26.

"We will work with Beaver Foods and review options to see what they'd like in there in terms of security," said Barry Milner, manager of physical resources.

Currently the area is patrolled regularly by campus security, but there are no surveillance cameras. Installation of cameras is one measure being considered, said John Kast, district manager with Beaver Foods.

"I suppose it never was necessary, but obviously now they will look at it and consider further options," said Kast.

Milner also said surveillance cameras are considered in times such as this.

"Security officers are assigned rounds on a random basis so, basically, it changes from shift to shift. If someone was to try and determine how security is doing rounds, it's unlikely

they'd get a pattern," he said.

A substantial amount of money was stolen from the cafeteria safe some time Sunday or early Monday after a thief or thieves apparently used a crowbar to pry open a door and the safe. Waterloo regional police were alerted and are presently investigating.

Kast said the first security measure taken was to change the old safe.

"We're looking at further security devices to be installed in the office," he said.

Bob Gilberts, security supervisor, said security will continue its routine inspections.

"You try and do a little more here and there to make it better," he said. "Just be a little more observant and note anyone around looking suspicious."

Gilberts said the cafeteria burglary was a rare occurrence at the college.

"It's just something that doesn't happen here."

As to the large amount of cash stolen, Kast said the money is required for the cafeteria to carry out its daily business.

Rec centre turns day care

'The kids are excited', says James

By Rebecca Eby

From arts and crafts to ball and soccer, days packed full of activities have kept some of the kids affected by the illegal teachers' strike entertained.

Ian James, director of the Doon campus recreation centre, said staff, faculty and students from all of Conestoga College's campuses can use the day care service offered at the centre.

"The college's natural concern," he said, "is staff, faculty and students who have children and how we can accommodate them."

He said parents were concerned before the strike even occurred.

"We had parents calling us since the Thursday (before the strike) asking 'what if?'" he said.

For \$20 per child, per day, parents can be assured their four- to 14-year-olds are close by and in good hands at the drop-in day care from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., said James.

He said the four counsellors who work for the day care, for \$7 per hour, are high school students who have worked in the centre's summer kids' camps for at least three years.

Each of them is trained in first aid and CPR.

"They know the routine and what we're looking for," said James. "They know the policies and procedures of the facilities."

James said the day care has averaged about 15 kids per day. The normal supervisor-child ratio is one to five.

He said the day care has caused no inconvenience to the centre's regular activities, and he is prepared to run the service as long as necessary.

If the strike continues for a while, he said, the day care may even include some academic activities for the kids.

"If it goes on for a lengthy period of time," he said of the strike, "it's something we might look at. Kids could actually do (academic exercises) here."

For the first week, activities included arts and crafts, sports, board games, movies, a haunted house and reading.

"The kids are excited," said James. "They enjoy the other kids' company. It's a big play day."

Though parents tell him they are happy with the service, he said, they have their concerns



Andrew St. John prepares to leave the rec centre day care Oct. 30.

(Photo by Rebecca Eby)

about the strike.

He said, "Why are they doing an illegal strike which is harming children's education?" and, "I hope the government comes good with their \$40 per day," are the two comments he hears most from parents.

The \$40 per day refers to the government's promise to give families that amount for child care during the strike.

James said, although the strike situation is unfortunate, the day care has run smoothly.

"It's happened and everyone just has to make due," he said.

Municipal election '97

Mayoral candidates debate issues

By Corey Jubenville

When mayoral candidates gathered at the Four Points Hotel to debate their plans Oct. 30, many of them focussed on municipal restructuring and downsizing. But the most heated issue of the night turned out to be what was happening at Ralgreen Crescent.

Debates for the Nov. 10 election began with moderator Brian Burke from KOOL FM giving the seven candidates for mayor of Kitchener two minutes to address current issues and how they would tackle problems.

Fiscal responsibility, dealing with funding cuts and problems in the downtown core were the issues addressed by most of the candidates during opening remarks.

This was followed by questions from panellists Bernie Herbson, Daiene Vernile and John Roe. Vernile began by asking the candidates what they thought the solution was to the Ralgreen Crescent situation.

Current Mayor Richard Christy met with jeers from members of the audience when he said \$400,000 and a team of 20 people were looking for a solution.

Carl Zehr received applause from inhabitants of Ralgreen Crescent in the audience when he called Christy's efforts a waste.

Gary Ferguson answered by saying the city was responsible for issuing the permits to build on the former landfill site, and the city should compensate the residence for loss of market value and possible relocation.



Kitchener mayor Richard Christy (centre) listens to a question from the audience at the mayoral debates Oct. 30. Carl Zehr (left) and Ernie Anderson look on.
(Photo by Corey Jubenville)

He also said he wanted an investigation into why permits were issued.

Record newspaper editorialist John Roe then asked Zehr to give specific examples of how he would encourage more development in downtown Kitchener.

Zehr responded by saying he would review bylaws he thought were hindering people from building or converting older buildings into dwelling units. Other candidates responded to the question with a variety of answers.

Bill Corbett said he would try to

make people feel safe when coming downtown and would find out what people wanted.

Christy said his current program had produced spectacular change, citing the recent Kaleidoscope festival and interest shown by some merchants in moving to the core.

Ferguson said more police would make people feel safer downtown. The most unique solution came from Daljit Bhatti, who said more green space and parks would bring people back to the downtown.

On the issue of amalgamation, most of the candidates agreed that

it was not on the agenda and preferred to talk about "rationalization" of services.

After this, candidates took questions from the audience. One of the three questions came from a candidate for Kitchener council.

It was the question by a woman who identified herself as a Ralgreen Crescent resident which provided the most heated exchange of the night.

She said she was unhappy with the situation and criticized Kitchener Coun. Geoff Lorentz for calling the residents of Ralgreen

Crescent a "bunch of big mouths" when they complained.

Christy replied that he had set up a task force to investigate the matter and get input from residents living on the landfill site.

The woman immediately shot back that the residents were not a part of this and had not been consulted.

Christy then said he would pledge to work for a fair solution. However, his answer was not enough to pacify the resident.

"Nobody's helping us," she said.

Christy, obviously fed up with the direction of the discussion, replied, "To be fair, I think we are."

"No," the woman replied.

Another question was asked by an elderly man who said his wife was afraid to shop downtown because of the crime rate. He wanted specifics on what would be done to make the downtown safe. Christy said it was only a perception that the core was unsafe, and blamed this perception on the media highlighting what he called "rare events."

Zehr said he thought more policing of the downtown would provide an answer.

After the questions, the moderator declared a short recess while the candidates for chairman of the regional council prepared to debate regional issues.

At the end, the question was put to all mayoral and regional chairman candidates as to whether they supported bringing casinos to the region. All candidates were against the idea.

Congratulations!



Conestoga president John Tibbits congratulates journalism coordinator Andrew Jankowski for 25 years of service at a reception honoring 10-year, 25-year and retiring employees Oct. 29. Jacqueline Mitchell, chairperson of the board of governors, looks on.
(Photo by Corey Jubenville)

Regional chairman

candidates debate

Citizens to elect chairman for the first time

By Corey Jubenville

For the first time ever, people from Waterloo Region will get the chance to elect the chairman of the regional council. Previously, the chairman was elected by council members.

The candidates include Borris Snatenchuk, Stuart Mundy and current chairman Ken Seiling.

Seiling called this the "most important election since 1972" and said he wanted to ensure that the younger generation would have the same quality of life as older people.

He said economic competition wasn't coming from around the Waterloo Region, but from larger regions around the world.

Snatenchuk centred his campaign on accountable government. He attacked the mill rate, which he said had been growing at two times the rate of inflation, and criticized the regional budget, saying the numbers had been padded.

He also said \$118,000 in reserves

should be looked at in terms of providing tax relief.

When panellist Daiene Vernile posed the question about which services the candidates would amalgamate to save money, Mundy said money could be saved in the areas of environmental protection, waste water, solid waste and public transportation.

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*Ken Seiling,
regional council chairman*

Both Snatenchuk and Seiling agreed with these areas.

Seiling also noted the amalgamation of fire dispatch in the Peel region as an example. He said the

move had saved Peel residents around \$200,000.

Rationalization and amalgamation were the buzzwords as panellist Bernie Herbson asked candidates where they thought the private sector could take over.

Public transportation and road services were favored by all three. Snatenchuk added he thought local departments should not be excluded from tendering bids.

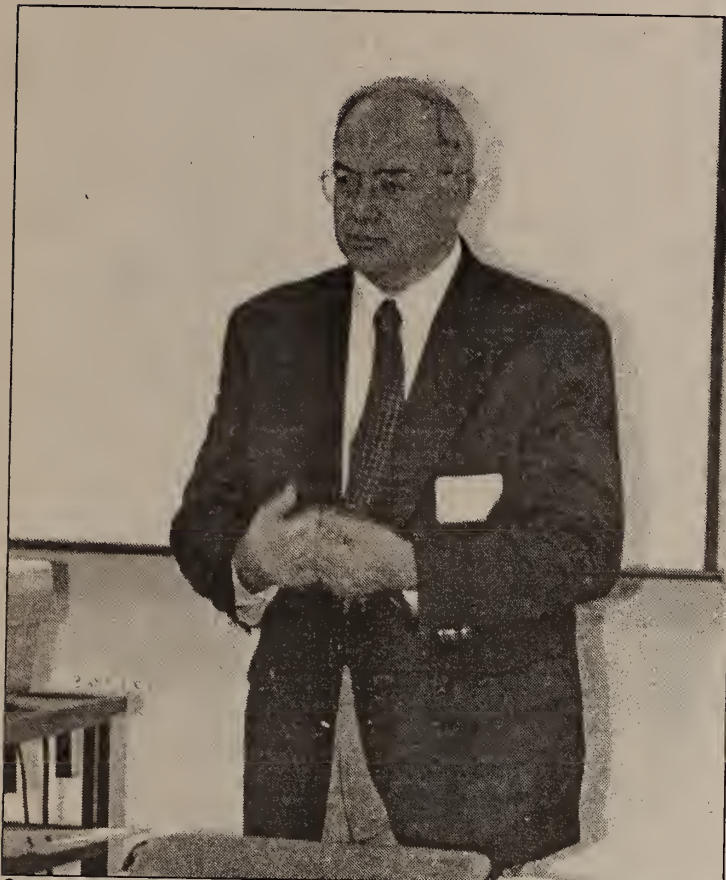
When asked by Record newspaper editorialist John Roe why a candidate would be the best person for the job, Snatenchuk said he could organize, plan and get a consensus.

"I believe it requires someone who's flexible and motivated, and I believe I'm that person," Snatenchuk said.

Seiling responded by saying he knew the programs and the players.

"The fact that I've been re-elected four times by the regional council says something about my ability," he said.

Admissions officers educated about GED



Speaker Peter Kilburn makes his presentation to admissions officers Oct. 30 at Conestoga. (Photo by Corey Jubenville)

By Corey Jubenville

Admissions officers from 22 colleges, universities and school boards were in Conestoga's guild room to hear about the general educational development test Oct. 30.

Using overhead projections, oral presentations and a question-and-answer session, speaker Peter Kilburn explained to the audience that successful completion of the GED means a person has achieved a certain academic level.

"It (the GED) is a diploma that represents the equivalent of a high school diploma," he said.

Kilburn said one reason for the visit was because more and more students were showing up at colleges and universities with GED credentials, and the people in admissions want to know more about it.

Kilburn, who is chairman of the council of Canadian GED administrators and chairman of the international GED advisory committee, added that there was value in the GED. Besides certifying achievement, he said, getting the GED does wonders for things like self-esteem.

"You're dealing with a person who was motivated enough to go back and write the test," said Kilburn. Most people who write the GED are between 20 and 34.

The GED tests people in five areas: writing skills, social studies, science, interpreting literature and the arts and mathematics. The five tests take a total of seven hours and 35 minutes to write.

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Mary Adamson from the Waterloo County board of education attended the meeting. She said one of the reasons for the meeting was to promote the GED and to give it currency.

Currently, she said, there is a joint proposal with Conestoga to do follow-up research on GED graduates to see how they

are doing.

In 1995, Ontario joined eight other provinces in implementing the GED and granting a high school equivalency certificate to people who passed. Kilburn said around 15,000 people in Canada take the test every year.

The GED is run by an American non-profit agency and has been in Canada since 1969. By 1993, around 266,000 people in Canada had taken the test. Individual provinces enter into contracts with the agency and rent the test. The agency helps with test development and validation.

The cost to write the GED varies from province to province. For people in Ontario, there are four criteria to write the test. They must be at least 19 years of age, not be high school graduates, have been out of high school for at least one full year and be a resident of Ontario.

Although the GED is American-based, people from individual provinces set the test agenda and do the promotion.

"There are ongoing consultations with Canadian curriculum experts to assure Canadian requirements," said Kilburn.

Few students vote in local elections

By L.A. Livingston

With the municipal elections scheduled to take place Nov. 10, the race for mayor, trustee and council is often plagued by poor voter attendance. Students eligible to vote are among those who participate in small numbers in municipal elections.

A part-time instructor in the journalism program at Conestoga College said the school curriculum is partly to blame for students not getting involved in local politics.

Michael Dale, who teaches political structures and issues, and is himself running for council in Stratford, said, "There's not a lot of political instruction and encouragement in the high school curriculum. I've always thought that was a mistake."

Dale said there is a lot of emphasis on democracy and the benefits of self-government, but not enough time is spent on explaining the issues and structures to students.

Most schools invite candidates running for municipal office in to schools to speak to students, he said, but candidates don't often show up because high school students are not old enough to vote, and therefore have no direct effect on the election at hand.

"There's a short-sightedness, as well, on the part of the practical politicians in Canada," he said. "It's time we began to remember that there's more than just this election or this year. We have to begin planning for the future."

Dale, who also teaches issues and world affairs and essentials of Canadian history, said there is evidence that higher education leads

to greater voter interest. "The people who do go to college tend to vote more often than the people who don't," he said.

Although he couldn't give statistics, Dale said he estimates the percentage of college students who vote is slightly higher than their peers who are not in college.

He said high school students receive all the basic information, and at the post-secondary level begin to synthesize that information into real world situations. "The connections become clearer and students generally become more focused on the broader world and less focused on themselves," he said.

He said a large portion of the college population either lives in the local area or commutes.

"They're living within their communities, so they may have that connectedness."

He said time constraints which result from commuting to school may impact voter turnout in municipal elections.

"It's always difficult to try to get into the mind of a voter, but over the course of Canadian history, the problem has been that Canadians don't perceive municipal government as being as important as federal and provincial levels of government."

Municipal election platforms tend to deal with "more mundane" issues, Dale said.

"The kinds of issues that will raise peoples' passions have been lacking in the past," he said.

That lack of passion may change, he said, with the provincial government's plans to restructure and download the public health and education systems.

Candidates debate issues

By Richard Berta

Waterloo mayoral candidates met at Waterloo Inn Oct. 28 in preparation for the Nov. 10 municipal elections.

They debated issues ranging from the amalgamation of services with the region to attracting revenue to the city.

Mayoral candidates include Coun. Joan McKinnon, Bob Byron and David Saunders.

A key issue in the meeting was management of the former Seagram property. McKinnon said the destruction of the building left a giant hole in the heart of the city.

"We have lost \$1 million a year in taxes since the building came down five years ago," she said.

McKinnon criticized the city for not being decisive in what it wanted to do with the property.

Byron and Saunders have favored selling unused land to private developers, as opposed to leaving them dormant in the hands of the city.

Byron said a more productive use of potential industrial land would be necessary to minimize potential service cuts with downloading.

"Land use is a local (municipal) government concern," he said. "Without this function (of the municipal government), private property would be in danger."

All candidates supported amalgamating services like tax collection and water and sewage treatment to eliminate duplication and save money.

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Editorial

Stuckless sentence far from being fair

After living through the torment of being sexually abused since childhood, Martin Kruze decided it was time to die.

Kruze decided to jump three days after Gordon Stuckless was sentenced to two years less a day for sexually abusing 26 boys.

When he was found, the tragedy of Kruze's situation was there in cold blood.

Kruze was assaulted 20 years ago at Maple Leaf Gardens. Stuckless gave the 26 boys he abused free tickets to Toronto Maple Leaf games, hockey equipment, movies and chances to meet National Hockey League players.

Hundreds of children are being abused every year, leaving one to wonder, what is on the minds of abusers.

Many abusers tell their victims that what they are doing is a special secret which they are sworn not to tell. Many tell their victims that they are special for getting this treatment.

What child should feel special for being forced to do things they do not understand.

When Stuckless abused Kruze, he stole his innocence.

Kruze lived with the abuse every day and night of his life. The abuse was there with him when he walked down the street. It was with him every night when he slept.

Kruze did not ask for the abuse. Neither did the 25 other boys at the Gardens 20 years ago.

It is the opinion of this paper that Gordon Stuckless did not get what he deserved.

Stuckless may be able to sleep easily knowing he got away with the abuse—all the while, his victims wake up screaming in the middle of the night.

Before Kruze died, he urged people who have suffered similar abuse to speak out against their abusers. If people had listened to Kruze when he talked about the abuse he suffered at the hands of Stuckless, Kruze may be alive today.

A little known fact about Stuckless is that he was convicted in 1988 of molesting a 13-year-old boy while working as an assistant hockey coach. Darryl Bingham was an amateur hockey player when the abuse took place.

With a previous conviction for sexual assault, one wonders why the judge in the Stuckless case gave him such a lenient sentence.

Perhaps Bingham's father, Barry, summed up the feelings of the victims best when he said to the *Globe and Mail* Nov. 1, "If this was such a minor act, why are these people killing themselves, why are they having nightmares 20 years after the fact, why doesn't it heal?"

Commentary

Arrest was just like an episode of *Cops*

A couple of weekends ago, I witnessed an incident that can be described only as disturbing.

As I stood on the curb of a small town main street, my mouth dropped in awe at the sight of two drunk men being arrested by six police officers.

One of the two men slightly damaged several cars a block up the same street. The other man, who hadn't vandalized any cars, was just at the wrong place at the wrong time.

A witness to the incident called police and the two young men were apprehended.

What the first man did was wrong and



Jamie Yates

unnecessary. Damage to private property is a criminal offense. But the crime is not what I found upsetting.

What I found disturbing was what one of the officers said to the suspect who vandalized the cars.

The officer said, "If you don't calm down, I'm going to rip your f—ing face off."

The young man under arrest was acting irate. He verbally assaulted the officers while they arrested him. By being disrespectful to the officers, he dug a hole for himself. Any officer, or person, would be offended if they were called a "pig". But what shocked me was the way in which the one officer handled the situation.

From my perspective, the officer's statement was unnecessary. I feel the officer's comment didn't help the situation. A police

officer should be the rational party during an arrest.

Truthfully, no one could pay me enough to be a police officer. Their job is unpredictably dangerous. It's a kamikaze career. When making an arrest, an officer doesn't know what he or she will encounter.

During the arrest, not one of the six officers pulled out a gun. From my perspective, the police knew the situation was not uncontrollable or threatening.

The one man who was arrested did not physically resist the arrest. He co-operated. The other man, suspected of vandalizing property, also didn't physically resist the arrest, but verbally assaulted the officers.

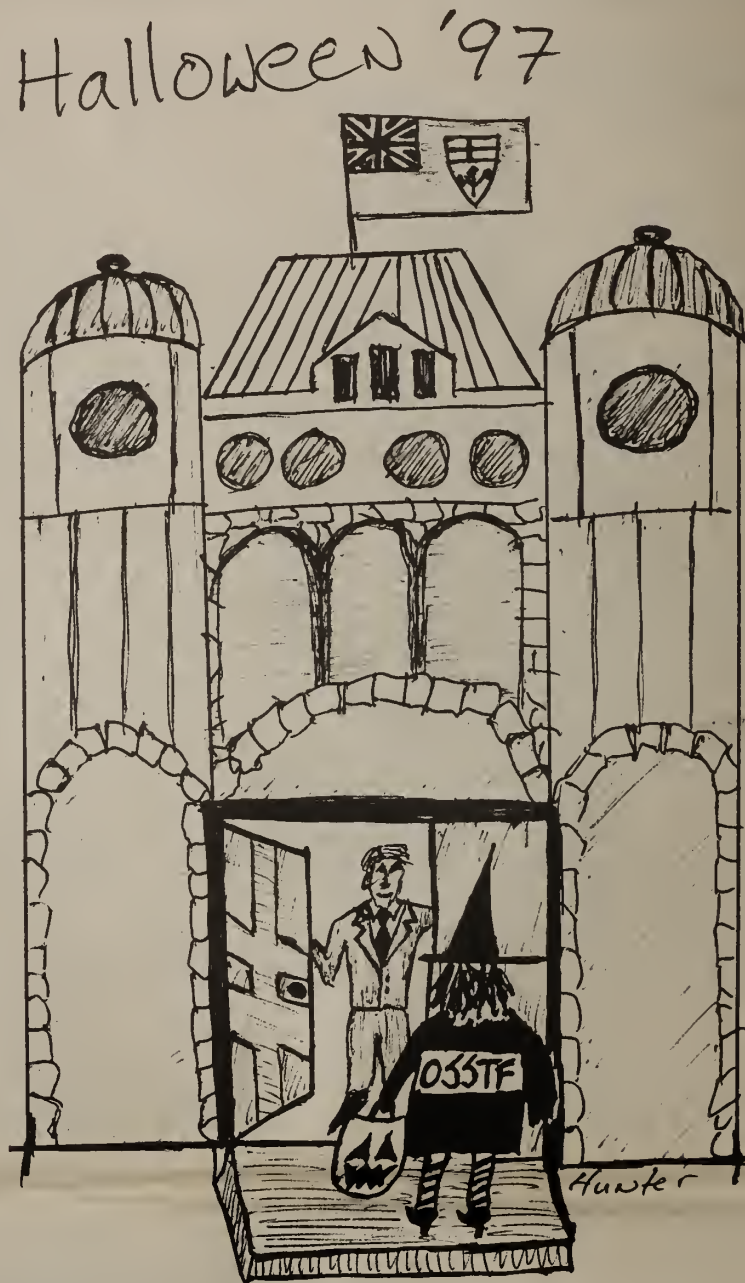
The officers handled the situation by choke-holding and handcuffing the reacting suspect. But why was it necessary to

alert six officers to the scene to arrest two drunk young men? Did they feel the situation was hostile? It didn't look like it to me. In my opinion, there were too many officers for a minor incident.

I feel bad for the man who didn't commit the offense but became a suspect anyway. It is disturbing to see an innocent person being punished for the mistakes of others.

Overall, I was shocked by what I witnessed; six officers to arrest two men, both parties swearing at each other. The scene was confusing. It felt like I was watching an episode of *Cops*, except it was live.

In the 20 years I have lived on this planet, I hadn't ever witnessed an arrest until now, and I hope never to see one again. It was too real.



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and none of them stinkin
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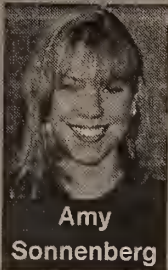
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Freedom of expression not so free

To my fellow Canadians: forget all that freedom of expression stuff that allows you to say or think whatever you want, because it's becoming a thing of the past.



Amy Sonnenberg

Right now, the Canadian Human Rights Commission is trying to take away Ernst Zundel's right to freedom of expression. Many may agree with the CHRC's motion to gag Zundel; he is connected with an anti-Semitic website which spreads hate against Jews and propagates Holocaust denials over the World Wide Web. But doesn't Zundel's fundamental right to freedom of expression give him the right to say whatever he wants?

If people are so offended by Zundel's views, why are they reading them? If you were offended by baby seal clubbing, would you purposely look up a website that graphically depicts a man clubbing a baby seal within inches of its life then leaving it to bleed to death? Probably not. If you don't like it, don't look at it.

Some will argue that's not really the point. It's not the intelligent people who can determine right from wrong that groups like the CHRC are worried about. It's the foolish, impressionable people who get suckered into groups of hate mongers because they are the only ones making the foolish feel they belong somewhere.

But if the intelligent people of the world have to make sure the foolish people stay out of trouble, the smart ones wouldn't have time for much else. You have to cut the cord sometime and trust people to make their own decisions.

For arguments sake, let's say these poor souls do have to be protected from the wrath of Zundel's website. What about the ones who need to be protected from pornography or heavy metal music or anything else society blames for corrupting impressionable minds? Do you ban everything? Who decides what should be banned and what shouldn't?

If you take Zundel's right to say, "I hate Jews," then you'll have to take away the right to say, "I hate Howard Stern," or, "I hate Paul Bernardo." Taking away Zundel's right to his opinion is essentially saying it's OK to take our rights away.

One of the great things about living in North America is the freedom to express his or her own opinion, whether it is about politics, religion or your favorite Mr. Freezie flavor. Without that fundamental right, we may just as well shack up in George Orwell's Animal Farm and call it a life.

Opinion split on teachers' strike

By Jamie Yates

About 126,000 teachers across Ontario walked out of the classrooms Oct. 27 in the first illegal province-wide strike in 24 years after talks failed between the government and teachers' unions over Bill 160.

The teachers' strike, which has closed classroom doors to approximately 2.1 million public and high school students across Ontario, was called by the teachers' unions.

The unions are upset at government legislation, Bill 160, that would cut teacher preparation time, decrease class sizes, extend the length of the school day and year, and set property tax.

The strike, which teachers said is to protect the education system for the students across the province, is not a clear-cut black-and-white issue.

People across Ontario, including teachers, the government, students, and parents, are upset with or in support of the teachers.

On Oct. 30, approximately 15 Conestoga students were asked, "Do you agree with the teachers of Ontario being on strike?"

Almost half of those surveyed agreed with the teachers being on strike. The other half disagreed. One student was undecided.

Cheryl McGill, an office assistant administration student, said she agrees with the teachers' strike.

"(Teachers) deserve to have the amount of time and money they need to teach students," she said. "It's unfair what the government is doing to them."

Leslie Cates, a general arts and science student, also agrees with the strike.

"(Teachers) need their job security," she said. "There are a lot of mixed feelings."

"The teachers have been fighting the system for a long time."

Daryl Pooran, electrical engineering

Chris Stone, a mechanical engineering student, disagrees.

"The teachers get paid enough," he said. "They are using the strike to get more money. They are using it in a bad way."

Daryl Pooran, an electrical

engineering student, said he agrees with the strike.

"The teachers have been fighting the system for a long time," he said. "I don't think it's right to be cutting the education system."

Wes Greenshields, an electrical engineering student, disagrees.

"I don't think the union has the right to dictate programs," he said. "The government represents us and what the government decides is what should be done."

Becky McGlynn, a general business student, also disagrees with the strike.

"It's illegal for one thing," she said. "I agree with Mike Harris's cuts. (The government) needs to cut back in some things."

Natasha DeYong, a nursing student, also said she disagrees with the strike because it is illegal.

"What other occupation do you get summer break and hours off?" she asked.

"Teachers are doing it for power and authority, not for the kids' benefit."

Suzy Tavakoli, management studies

Other than money and government cutbacks, some Conestoga students were more concerned with how the strike is affecting Ontario's students.

Sue Cardiff, a general arts and science health option student, said she agrees with the strike.

"People think (the teachers) are being selfish, but they are doing it for the kids," she said. "They are doing it for the sake of class size."

Steven Jones, a semester-five nursing student, also agrees. "(The teachers) are standing up for what they believe."

Suzy Tavakoli, a management studies student, disagrees with the strike.

"All the kids are off school," she said. "They don't know what to do and it's not their fault."

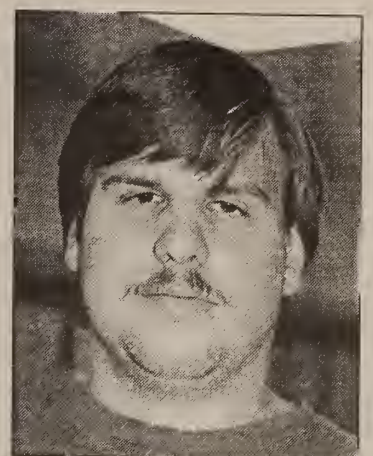
"Teachers are doing it for power and authority, not for the kids benefit," Tavakoli added.

Kelly Robinson, a nursing student, was undecided about the strike. "I don't think it's fair to students," she said. "If I was in OAC right now, I wouldn't be happy about it."

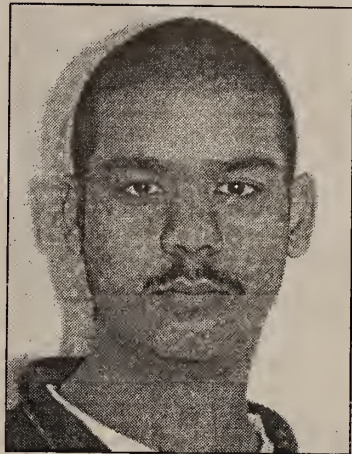
Derek Bradley, a nursing student, also said he feels it is unfair to students. "It's unfair to the students," he said. "Children are



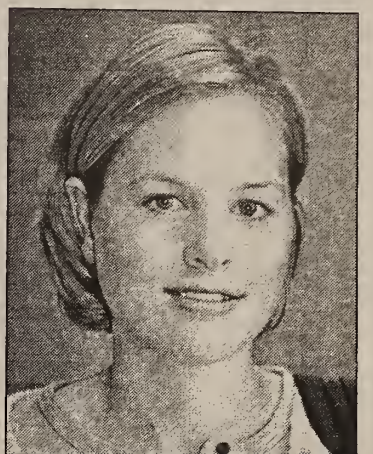
Becky McGlynn, general business



Wes Greenshields, electrical engineering



Daryl Pooran, electrical engineering



Sue Cardiff, general arts and science, health option



Suzy Tavakoli, management studies



Derek Bradley, nursing

the ones that suffer from it."

"I know how it feels," Bradley said. "My teachers went on strike when I was in high school."

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the strike, the majority of students' concerns seemed to revolve around the 2.1 million students across Ontario affected by the strike.

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Dinner anyone?



Tania Munroe, a fifth-semester nursing student, examines a cow's heart that was part of the health fair Oct. 30. The display was about cardiogenic shock. (Photo by Matt Harris)

Computer class wins DSA food drive party

By Victoria Long

The Doon student food bank drive ended on Halloween with a clear winner in the class competition for a pizza party in The Sanctuary. The school of business' first-year micro-computer administration class topped all other Doon campus programs, donating almost three times as much as the second place recreation leadership class, said Becky Bortien who works at the Doon Student Association.

A member of the winning class, Gina Georgiou, said, "We have good class reps — they brought a lot themselves, as well as encouraging others to do

the same."

The class challenge turned out to be a good exercise in raising

"We hope all students who need food will feel free to come ask for it."

Becky Bortien,
director of student life

student awareness of the in-house food bank. The publicity for the drive may have also alerted some potential users to the service's availability.

"The whole idea behind having a

party for the winning class was to encourage involvement and boost class spirit," Bortien said.

"We hope all students who need food will feel free to come ask for it."

Georgiou, said, "People should keep on donating even though this drive is over. It's good to help others because in the future, someday, you might need help. Do unto others..."

Bortien agrees. "The class challenge went quite well but the food bank will get busy just before Christmas so we always need donations," she said.

The winners haven't yet decided when they'll hold the party to celebrate their success, Georgiou said.

Best experience comes from world itself

By Natalie Schneider

When graduation rolls around and the mad hustle to find employment begins, you can look further than your backyard. Why not travel the world and get job experience at the same time?

The Student Work Abroad Program is one way to do just that. Each year the program assists 2,000 people to work and travel in other countries, including Ireland, Britain, Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Jamaica and South Africa, to name a few.

SWAP has been providing students with working holiday visas for 21 years. The duration of visas depend on which country you plan to go to; a visa for Britain is valid for up to two years. For South Africa a visa is valid for only six months. It is important to decide where, when and for how long you plan on being abroad.

Visas are very difficult to get through consulates, said Beth Roberts, SWAP coordinator at

Travel Cuts in Waterloo.

"A lot of places don't want outsiders coming in — places like Jamaica and South Africa, for example. But with our program, they've agreed to allow students to do it as more of an experience for them," said Roberts.

"We have a 95 per cent success rate with all our programs."

Beth Roberts,
SWAP coordinator

In order to be eligible for the program students should go about it as if applying for a job, said Roberts. A resume, references and a cover letter is required with the application form.

"As soon as you hand it into me, I basically look it over and decide whether or not you're accepted.

Then it goes to our head office in Toronto and they then make the final decision. From there it takes about two weeks to get the visa," said Roberts.

She said in the year and a half that she has worked at Travel Cuts she has only declined one person and that was because the applicant had three different ages on their resume. A good resume that indicates well-rounded interests is what Roberts said she looks for.

"The biggest thing I look at is your letter. You have to write a letter to SWAP explaining why you want to be accepted and that's what I look at the most," said Roberts.

A registration fee of \$225 is required to cover expenses which Travel Cuts uses to obtain visas. The fee also includes a package containing books on hostels, maps and information about the country you are travelling to. Applicants are also required to pay for their flight ticket, but Travel Cuts offers discounts for students working abroad.

The fee is reimbursed to applicants who are not accepted unless they decide they are no longer interested, said Roberts.

Students who are eager to learn about a different culture in a new environment as well as being independent are suited for this program, said Roberts.

Being independent is a definite must in this program since SWAP does not find you a job, she said.

"We have a 95 per cent success rate with all our programs and participants usually get the jobs within five working days. But depending on your skills it would totally depend on the person. Most of our students go for the pub jobs, waitressing or retail. But we have had students in offices doing clerical work," said Roberts. "SWAP is giving you the option. You decide what job you're going to take and when you want to come home. You're not in any sort of contract."

Finding housing is also up to the applicant. But in each country there is a SWAP hosting centre which has representatives who

steer participants in the right direction when it comes to finding a job and housing.

"SWAP representatives are there for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The good thing about that is you're not going into a strange country not having anybody to help you. In most of our programs the first couple of nights we have a place for you to sleep," said Roberts. "You can look at the SWAP headquarters as a big employment centre. They have a list of jobs there that they'll

suggest to you. As far as housing, that's totally your responsibility."

Roberts said students thinking about working abroad should research different programs. "I wouldn't tell them just to go with SWAP. For example some programs offer South America; we don't. If you're going to do SWAP, you have to be independent. You have to be confident you can do it on your own," said Roberts.

For more information on the SWAP program, contact Travel Cuts at 886-0400.

Scary stuff!



First-year recreational leadership student Miranda Rejesky dressed up as a vampire for the haunted house at the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre Oct. 31.

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Susan Murphy practices rehabilitation therapy techniques on Lisa Brown. The semester-one occupational therapy-physiotherapy assistant students were in the skills lab learning "normal functional movement" Oct. 31.
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Ready for the workforce

Rehabilitation graduates complete new program

By Ross Bragg

A new program at Conestoga that trains rehabilitation assistants saw its first group of students graduate Oct. 24.

The nine students were enrolled in the 44-week program to become occupational therapy and physiotherapy assistants.

"It was a very interesting program," said Janet Pallottini, who was part of the graduating group.

The program trains the students to work directly with certified occupational therapists and physiotherapists.

The first group of students were sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development and consisted primarily of people who had been displaced from the work force.

Physiotherapy concerns itself with such things as helping people to restore body movement and minimizing pain after an injury.

Occupational therapy is more concerned with people's need to do activities which often includes working with people who have long-term disabilities.

As part of the 44-week program, students have two six-week work placements, one with each type of therapist. Many of the students worked in hospitals, private clinics or in the home-care environment.

"It worked out really well," said Pallottini, "There was good communication with the therapists and we as assistants got to spend a lot of time with the patients."

Pallottini, who worked in retail for 15 years before starting the program, worked with an

occupational therapist at Cambridge Memorial Hospital and will begin working at Willett Hospital in Paris, Ont.

Laura MacGregor, the coordinator of the department, said the program relies heavily on the off-campus placements.

"There is a lot of time spent on work placements, but most of the program is about applying the various skills."

"There was good communication with the therapists and we, as assistants, got to spend a lot of time with the patients."

*Janet Pallottini,
rehabilitation assistant student*

Two of the graduating students, Susan Anderson and Irene Pica, won awards for academic achievement. The award was presented by Smith and Nephew, a company specializing in rehabilitation products.

Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences, said the program was developed with the consultation of an advisory board involving nine

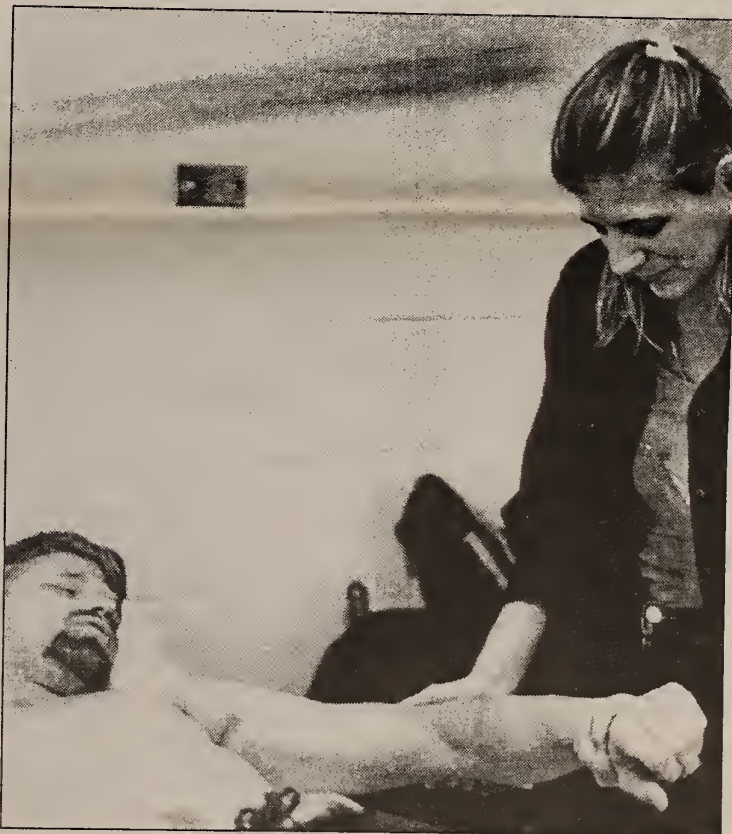
occupational therapists and nine physiotherapists working in the profession.

Jeffrey said the members of the industry are responding well to the idea, and do not feel threatened by the idea of having assistants work with them.

"They can have the assistants do the jobs that they, as occupational therapists and physiotherapists, don't have time to do," said Jeffrey. "It leaves time for the certified therapists to do assessments, which the assistants are not qualified to do."

As of September, the program is offered at the college through the Ministry of Education and Training, and will be accepting students applying straight out of high school.

Nine other colleges in Ontario have similar programs.



Sandra Reale works with Brad Mizener, both semester-one occupational therapy-physiotherapy assistants, in the skills lab Oct. 31. The two were learning about the normal range of body movements.
(Photo by Ross Bragg)



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Paula Skinner and Wes Woods, semester-five nursing students, inspect a cow's heart on display at the health fair.

(Photo by Sarah Smith)



Paramedics happy with new ventilator

By Becky Little

The paramedic program at Conestoga (formerly ambulance and emergency care) was the recipient of a new ventilator early this fall. The Genesis II automatic ventilator was donated by O-Two Systems International Inc. O-Two Systems is a privately owned company that researches and develops new technology in emergency medical services.

Jerry Lassaline, vice-president and general manager of O-Two Systems, said about eight years ago, the Ontario Ministry of Health decided to replace the old positive pressure ventilators with automatic oxygen powered ventilators. The Genesis II adult/child model was chosen to be introduced to the industry. He said in order to alleviate the problem of proper training for the equipment, O-Two Systems decided to donate one unit to each of the 12 training colleges in Ontario.

According to a press release in October, the portable ventilator is valued at more than \$2,000. The device promotes respiration for accident victims who have been found by paramedics to have stopped breathing.

Bob Mahood, co-ordinator of the paramedic program, said the new ventilator is working very well, and that it eases concerns about how to handle a ventilator. He said the older system was more complicated and harder to utilize.

Genesis II had already been through a pilot project that Conestoga was involved in during the spring, and everyone is comfortable with the system now, he said.

Because the ventilator is considered a standard piece of equipment in the field, students are expected to carry it with them on assignment, he said.

Mahood said he considers the paramedic program fortunate to receive the donation, especially in light of funding cutbacks.

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GLAD meeting a bust

'Things are just starting,' student services says

By Rachel Pearce

Just one student showed up at the Gay and Lesbians at Doon meeting which was held in room IC5 Oct. 30.

Joan Magazine of student services has been helping the group organize meetings and has been providing publicity, said she was really disappointed the meeting did not happen.

She said she was glad things were underway, as previous meetings had consisted of about seven or eight people. But, she added, it is possible that the student members met in a different room or maybe everyone was too busy because it is mid-term time.

Magazine said the association is really in the students' hands. For about three years they have

been meeting occasionally, she said, but "things are just starting."

"I think once the ads

have been seen over and over again, it will become more accepted that such a group exists."

Joan Magazine,
student services

Magazine said that while there is no danger of the association meetings being cancelled, the meetings are scheduled to provide members with a chance to get together and socialize—to talk to each other about things they may

not be able to discuss with their classmates.

Magazine also said there is a chance GLAD may become an official association under the Doon Students Association.

"I think, once the ads have been seen over and over again, it will become more accepted that such a group exists."

The lone member who attended expressed disappointment at the apparent lack of interest in the meeting. She said she missed her bus home in order to attend, and was hoping the group would discuss a women's dance that was to be held at the Phoenix Rollersport Banquet Hall in Waterloo, Saturday.

She said the dance was to raise funds to send a local women's hockey team to the Gay Pride Olympics in Amsterdam.

Humor helps keep it light

Blind grad works at life

By Greg Bisch

"Why don't blind people sky dive?" asked Mike Winegarden, a Conestoga graduate of the accounting program. "Have you ever heard a German Shepherd scream at 10,000 feet?"

"I've got a million of them," he said, referring to his blind jokes.

Winegarden is blind. He said he knows how to make people feel comfortable with that.

When speaking with Winegarden, his light spirit and sense of humor is never-ending. His personality bounds out like Tigger from the famous Winnie the Pooh stories.

Winegarden's response when asked how he sees himself as a person? "Not in a mirror, I'm blind." After, he got serious, but only for a moment. "I am an interesting combination of some people I have known over the years. To keep from swelling heads I will mention only a few."

He said his parents, as well as other family members, have had an influence on his personality. "My father is a good joker," he said. "In fact, out of all my family, I must say that I am the mildest."

"I work very hard. I usually

show up an hour early and I don't take breaks. I go right home after work. I love my wife and kid and play with them both," he said.

Winegarden graduated from Conestoga College in 1993 and now works in Vancouver, B.C., as a treatment benefits analyst for the Canadian Veteran Affairs Department. He makes a little over \$30,000 a year.

"I work longer than everybody else here. I don't know if I work harder."

Mike Winegarden

"I work longer than everybody else here. I don't know if I work harder," he said. "I have to listen to a computer rather than read a screen, so naturally that takes longer. That is just part of the game."

Winegarden recalls other jobs he has held where he was not treated as well. "They wanted to send me for a three month training course in the United States. A regular employee would have had one month training here in

Canada. I said, 'This is full of crap. You are saying I am three times stupider than everyone else.'"

The former Ontarian said it is nice in Vancouver. However, he said he dislikes how expensive housing is. He would never be able to afford a house in Vancouver, which is something he said is important to him. He said he hopes to eventually move to Prince Edward Island and that he likes a change.

While Winegarden was at Conestoga he was assisted with his disability by those in the special-needs office. He is good friends, and keeps in contact, with special needs employee Judy Hart.

"I think he truly believes he can do anything sighted people can do short of driving," said Hart. "He is a proud person. In fact, he used to sign things 'The King.'"

Special-needs advisor Rick Casey, who worked extensively with Winegarden while he was at Conestoga, said, "Mike is confident and a risk taker. He uses humor to make people feel more comfortable around him, which he is very good at doing. He believes in himself, but he knows his limitations."

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Monsters and ghosts haunt Doon rec centre

By Barbara Ateljevic

Conestoga's recreation centre was transformed into a haunted house by recreational leadership students on Halloween day. School children and the public were invited to attend the Halloween celebrations that also included face painting and crafts.

The activities and haunted house were organized and set up mostly by first-year recreational students. While they could have used it for a program requirement, most did it just for the fun of it.

"We did it more for the experience," said co-organizer Darren McCann. "It's experience to help build your resume but we did it mostly for the fun."

Jackie Johnson, the organizer of the event, agreed. "We're doing it just for fun for the kids," she said.

Tours were held from 4 to 6 p.m., and about 50 kids showed up with parents and teachers from area schools and a camp group.

Because of the teachers' strike, most kids were unable to celebrate Halloween this year at school with the usual parties.

"It was done mainly because of the strike for the community," said Dennis Kuhl, a recreational leadership teacher.

Styrofoam tombstones lined the entrance of the haunted house, inscribed with funny sayings like, "This guy died when his mom bought him bell-bottom pants and a shirt with a butterfly collar and made him wear them to school, 1983-94." Another one read, "Poor guy, he died while watching Henke pitch in the final game of the World Series."

Inside the haunted house were foot-grabbers, scary monsters jumping out from behind tables and bins and a vampire lying in a cardboard coffin who woke up and



Darren McCann, a first-year recreational leadership student, helps out Fred the dummy, who falls down at the end of the tour.

(Photo by Barbara Ateljevic)

flung his arms out, surprising kids. There were also a couple witches who sat at a table near the end and asked the kids if they wanted to touch eyeballs (grapes), brains (cabbage) and guts (spaghetti).

The tours were led by Johnson, dressed as a monster, who told the kids a story about her family who lived in the house.

Music and sounds accompanied the tour throughout. At the end, Johnson stopped to finish her story when Fred, a dummy dressed as a

man and obstructed by curtains and a strobe light, unexpectedly fell down from the wall.

"We had a couple of kids crying," said first-year recreational student Karri-Anne Nicholson, who was one of the witches. But, she said, most of the kids seemed to enjoy it.

The planned barbeque was moved to the Condor Roost because of the rain, where parents could buy meal tickets for \$1.50. The idea was that the kids could be



Jackie Johnson, first-year recreational leadership student and organizer, dresses up as a monster to lead children through the haunted house.

(Photo by Barbara Ateljevic)

fed and then go out trick-or-treating afterwards, said Ian James, director of athletics and recreation at the recreation centre.

Once word of the strike was final, the rec centre sent out flyers to the Doon Primary Park community centre, where area school children have been sent during the strike.

"We wanted to attract the community and have the kids here during the strike," James said. "We have the space to do it and it's a nice way to introduce students and parents to the rec centre."

James attended the haunted house with his own kids and said it was really nice for what it was intended to be.

"The students did a wonderful job organizing the event and it was nice to see how many parents brought out their kids," he said.

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A representative from Jostens Canada prepares Natalie deMello, second-year law and security administration, for her graduation photo in the Sanctuary Oct. 30. (Photo by Rebecca Eby)

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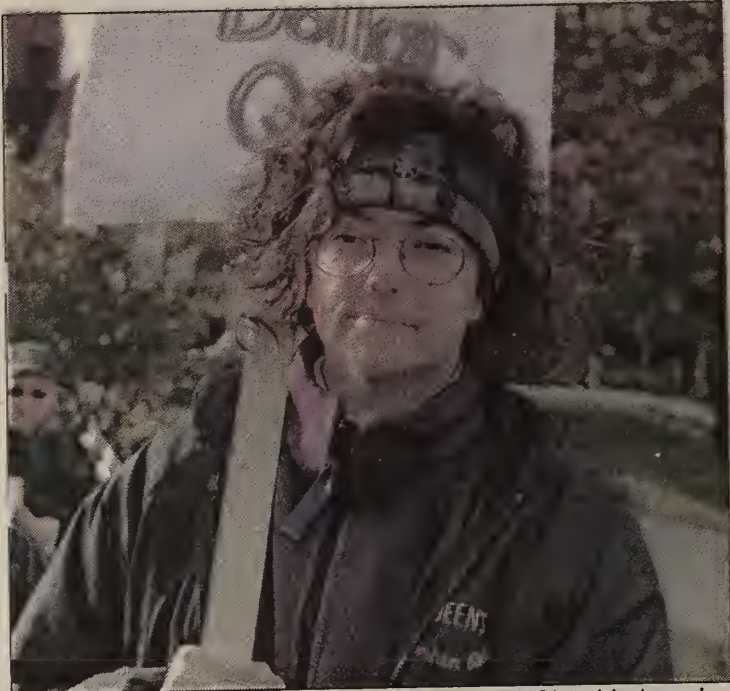
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KCI teachers join provincewide strike

Group of 12 supportive students making food for KCI teachers daily



Laurie Hunter (above) the strike captain at KCI holds her sign protesting Bill 160 Oct. 30. (Photo by Erica Ayliffe)

By Erica Ayliffe

The vast majority of teachers at the Kitchener collegiate institute joined in on the provincewide teachers' walkout that has 126,000 of Ontario's teachers on the picket lines and 2.1 million of Ontario's students out of the classroom.

"We feel it's necessary to give up our pay while striking because we really need to get some input into (Bill 160)," said Laurie Hunter, the strike captain at KCI Oct. 30.

Jill Coyers, a history and social science teacher at KCI, said, "Until the bill is changed, I'm out."

"I'd rather make a short-term financial loss," said Stephan Latour, a history and English teacher, "than have an education system in the future that's going to make it tough to teach."

Hunter and Latour said they have received a lot of support from students at KCI.

"We've had a lot of support from KCI students," said Hunter.

"We have some very, very supportive students," said Latour. "There is a group of 12 students who are making food for us daily."

Hunter and Coyers said the strike isn't affecting the students' academic year at this point.

"Right now, the strike isn't doing that much to students, but in the long run it will hurt them in terms of their year," said Coyers.

"The biggest concern," said Hunter, "is for OAC students and they are very prepared. They've got work they can work ahead on. They will not lose their year."

Latour said, "We have a number of PA days we can eliminate to make up the time."

Hunter said the strike is tiresome for her. Matt Morris, a business teacher at KCI, said that teachers are not tired, but "have slightly sore feet."

There are two picketing shifts at

KCI. One from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and another from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Latour said he thinks some of the KCI students miss school.

"Some students who came down said the first day was great, the second day was OK and the third day of the strike was boring," he said.

"We have the odd student coming down because I think they are bored with watching soap operas."

None of the teachers interviewed knew when they would be back to work.

"I hope we can come back to the negotiating table and get some real progress," said Hunter.

Latour said he thinks the only solution to the problem is compromise. "But both the government and the union said they won't yield," said Latour. "There has to be some compromise to make it work."

Student's death halts strike

By Erica Ayliffe

Striking teachers at St. Benedict's Catholic secondary school in Cambridge stopped picketing Oct. 31 to help staff and students deal with the sudden death of a fellow student.

"There are some things in life that are more important than the political action we are conducting. A funeral is one of those things," said Rich Costello of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

Kevin Largey, 18, an OAC student, was killed Oct. 30 in a car accident.

"What we decided to do out of respect for his memory was remove picket signs from St. Benedict's and open the school to staff and students to enable the grief process," said Costello. "We wanted to remove any form of impediment that students and staff may feel about going into the school."

Not all of the striking teachers returned to work. Some of the teachers who returned were part of the school's compassionate care team, which intervenes when deaths or other stressful events occur.

"Teachers returned as they saw fit," said Costello. "Some of the teachers knew him better than others."

This is the second time high school teachers in Ontario have dropped their picket signs to help students cope with the death of a fellow student.

Teachers at East Lampton secondary school in Watford returned to the classroom Oct. 25 to help counsel friends of Susan VanLieshout, 16, who died in hospital Oct. 26 after a car accident Oct. 24.



Nadine Borch, Meghan Kropf and Paul Kleinschmidt from the St. Mark's youth group return from Tim Hortons with coffee and doughnuts for picketing teachers at KCI. (Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)



An anti-Mike Harris steamroller sits parked across the road from Kitchener collegiate institute. (Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)

Most area students against strike

By Amy Sonnenberg

Most area students and their parents agree the teachers' strike is causing more harm than good for Ontario's children, according to an informal survey conducted at Fairview Park Mall in Kitchener. However, support for the teachers' cause was varied.

Jennifer Lecours, a Grade 4 student at Christ the King in Cambridge, doesn't think the teachers should strike. "We're not learning anything if they go on strike," she said. "They're saying that we should learn more but if the strike goes on we'll learn less."

Her sister, Lindsay, a Grade 7 student, agrees. "We're not learning anything at all."

Alana McPhedran, a Grade 8 student at Rockwood Centennial public school, has mixed opinions. "It's good because we get off school, but it's bad because we lose the stuff we're supposed to learn."

Julie Gibson, a Grade 12 student at Listowel Central school, doesn't like missing classes. "We're missing out on school and we're going

to have to make it up later," she said.

Her sister, Ashley, a Grade 8 student at Elma Township, doesn't want to have to make up for lost class time, either. "This is my last year of public school and I've been waiting for this for a long time," she said. "If we miss 40 days, we're going to have to make it up in the summer."

Some are glad to see the teachers' using their power. Bobbi-Sue Airdrie, a Grade 8 student at Rockwood Centennial, sides with the teachers. "It's good that the teachers get some of the power and the government doesn't have it all," she said.

Amanda Brown, a Grade 12 student at Huron Park in Woodstock, is pro-teacher but anti-union. "I'm more against the union than the teachers," she said. "A lot of the teachers at our school don't want to go on strike. It's the union that's pushing them. If they don't, they'll be in big trouble."

Wanda Brown of Woodstock sees both sides. "The teachers have a point, but the government also has a point," she said.

The other parents interviewed were against the strike and wanted to see it end as soon as possible.

Deanne Lecours of Cambridge said, "I don't think it sets a very good example. They're showing kids that when there's a conflict you should walk out."

Cathy McPhedran of Rockwood said, "I would like them to sit

down and discuss things."

Nathaniel Brown, a Grade 7 student at Hickson central school in Woodstock, was the only student surveyed that was pleased with the strike. "I like it because I like the time off," he said.

Most of the students said they were spending a lot of their time doing homework.



From left: Amanda Brown, Marcia Brown, Nathaniel Brown and Wanda Brown at Fairview Park Mall Oct. 30. (Photo by Erica Ayliffe)

Region copes with the day care crisis

By Casey Johnson

Kitchener's regional council decided Oct. 29 to fund local families, who qualify for subsidy, for their additional day care expenses while the illegal teachers' strike continues in the province.

Council will fund the families and then pursue options to cover the cost, said John Current the deputy regional clerk.

Premier Mike Harris has promised parents a \$40-a-day subsidy to help combat the cost of the additional day care needed while the children are out of school.

The government's original intention was to have parents apply directly to the provincial government for the subsidy.

However, council decided they will begin the funding in the hope that the provincial government will cover the expense.

If not, council will appeal the parents of the region to apply to the Harris government for the funding and then reimburse the region, said Current.

All around the region, centres who cater to children are doing their best to deal with the current situation.

The Owl Child Care Services, located at the corner of River Road and Morgan Avenue, have rented the Furniture Connection warehouse at Chicopee Park Plaza to accommodate the extra children in need of a day care facility.

"We are averaging about 40 chil-

dren a day at the temporary facility," said Brenda Kennedy, supervisor for Owl Child Care's Chicopee location.

Kennedy said they only had to hire two supply teachers for the extra children.

The program can only run legally for up to eight weeks, she said.

Some other parents have hired a local parent to watch their children at Victoria Street's Kid's World, said the owner of the facility, Andy Dziedziejko.

With supervision, kids can stay at the facility for \$5.95 a day.

Dziedziejko said they currently have 50 to 60 children attending daily.

Another 10 to 15 children are dropped off by parents who do not stay, he said.

This is at a cost of \$20 to the parents because Kid's World is supplying the supervision and a hot lunch. The facility can hold up to 350 children, he said.

Scott Bridger, marketing manager of Bingeman's Park, said he started the park's summer camp program during the strike so parents have a place to take their kids.

For \$25 a day, the children have two snacks, a hot lunch, can roller skate, play mini golf or do arts and crafts.

It runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Some other day care centres are not feeling the impact as much. Linda Kirkpatrick of the Sunshine Child Care centre on Lawrence

Avenue, said the centre only has two additional children.

Their kindergarten children, who usually attend the centre for half a day, are now staying for the full day instead, she said.

Although the Ministry of Social Services in Mississauga has allowed its day care centres to increase maximum enrolment during the strike, as of Nov. 4 nothing like that had been implemented in the day cares in Kitchener-Waterloo, said Susan Gill, manager of subsidized services for Kitchener and Waterloo.

Leroy Schantz, program manager for the Ministry of Community and Social Services and acting liaison to the media, said alternative sites have been established to accommodate children who were attending day care facilities on school sites.

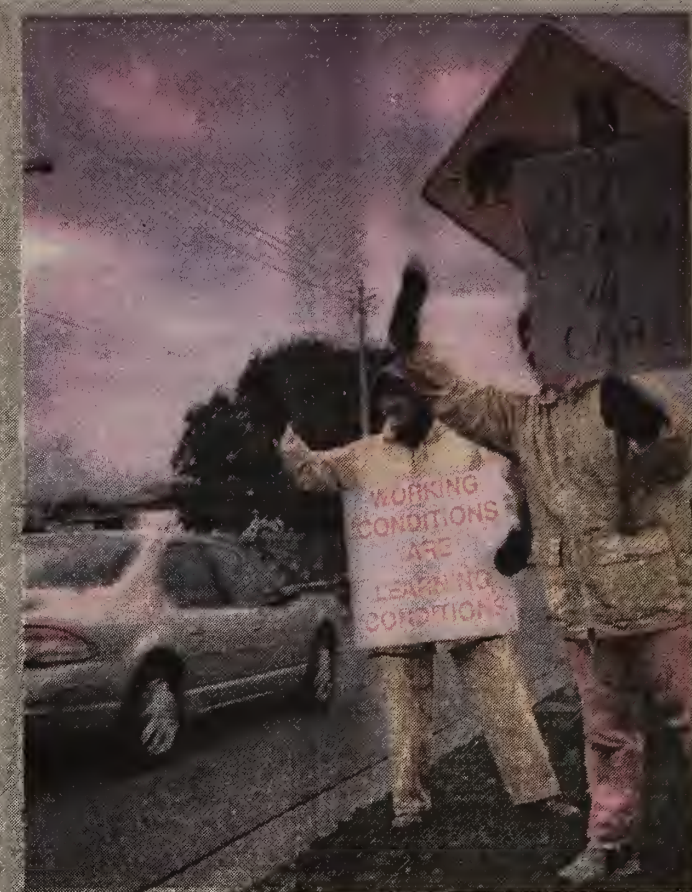
An agreement was made between the local school boards and the teachers' associations to allow the day cares to keep running, he said.

"There has been no problem overall and full cooperation," said Schantz.

"The only difficulty we have encountered is that sometimes the shared space (between the schools and the day cares) impedes the program."

Most new day care sites have opened in Wellington, Bruce and Grey counties, he said, but also a few have opened in Waterloo region.

Honk for teachers



Wayne Stokley (left) and Heidi Kolb, both striking teachers at Eastwood Collegiate Institute, encourage motorists to honk their support Nov. 3.
(Photo by Greg Bisch)

Teachers say they share the parents' concerns

By Rachel Pearce

Alison McLeod is a public school teacher in Ayr. She is also the mother of a Grade 2 student, Jack, and says, regardless of her position as a teacher, she would be fighting the government's planned education reforms because she is concerned about the quality of education her son will receive in the future.

"I think this government needs to be stopped," she said at the teachers' rally held Oct. 27 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

McLeod said she does not feel comfortable with Bill 160, because it gives the education minister and his cabinet too much power, without enough checks and balances.

She said the bill will lead to more cuts to education, around \$700 million worth.

She said previous cuts have already led to problems within her own school. Special needs students are feeling the cuts to education, she said. More and more of them are not receiving the help they need.

Her Grade 3 class has 34 students, and while that is not an acceptable number, she said, she is distrustful of Tory plans to cap class sizes because no one has said what number class sizes would be limited to. They could be capped at six students or 60 students, she said.

McLeod, like other parents, had to find child care for her son who

will not be in school during the strike. She said she paid for a babysitter. That is an extra cost that will not be refunded by the government's proposed \$40-a-day child care subsidy because teachers are not eligible.

"It's obviously a cause we believe in," she said.

"I can't believe I have to do this," said Karen Yardley who also

"I don't think anyone wins during a strike."

Karen Yardley, school teacher at Ayr public school.

teaches at Ayr public school and is a mother of two school-aged children. Yardley said she never thought she would be on strike, and said it is especially surprising to her

because of her conservative background.

She said she looks forward to a resolution. "I don't think that anyone wins during a strike."

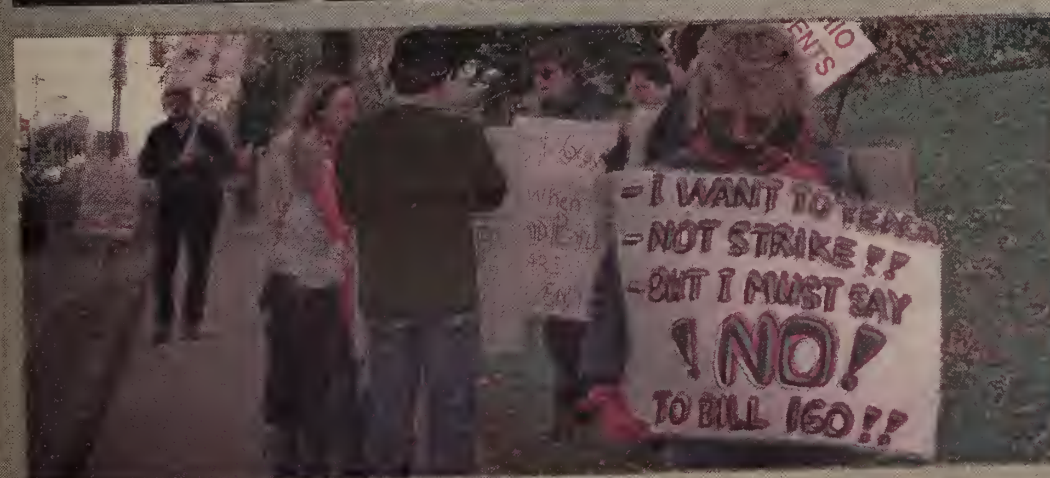
Her eight-year-old son, Colin, and her daughter Rebecca, who is in kindergarten, were being taken care of by family members on the first day of the strike.

"Grandmas and grandpas are coming to the rescue," said Yardley, who was among the 4,000 teachers who attended the rally in Kitchener. Yardley said she wants the government to "spell out" to the people of Ontario how proposed cuts to education will be made.

"I don't know how anyone with school-aged children could not protest."

Yardley said her son has made his own sign and will be joining her on the picket line.

School's out

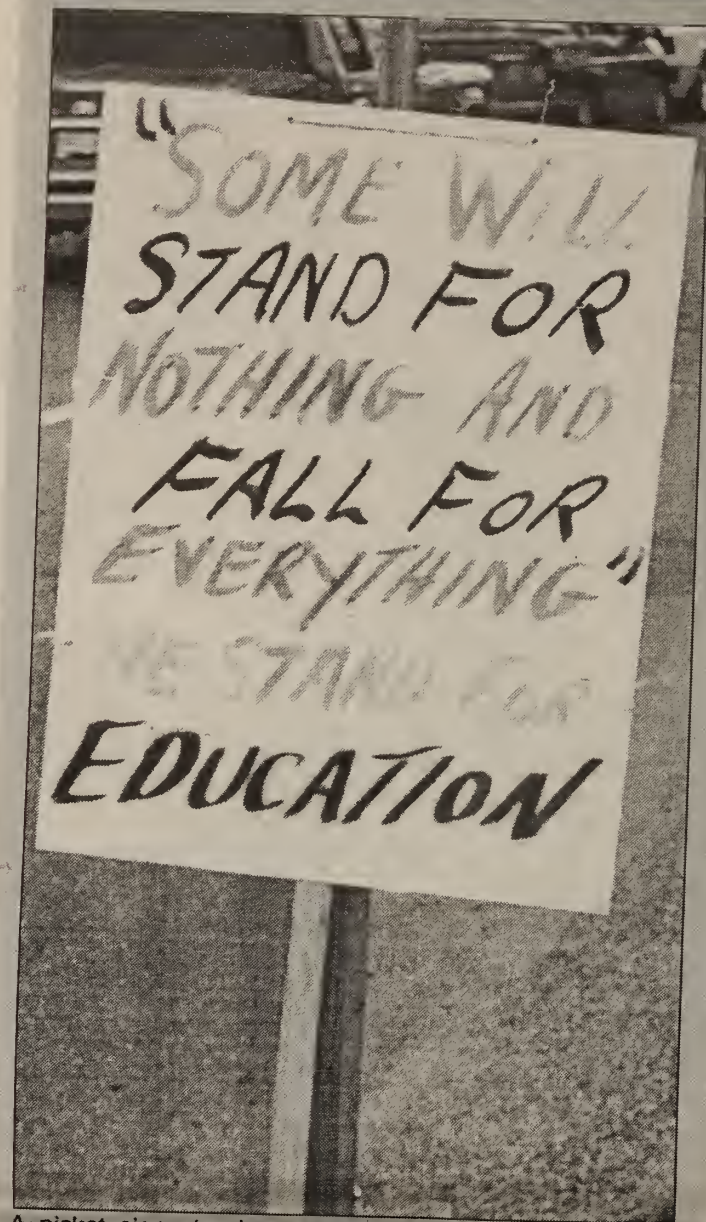


Teachers strike outside Kitchener collegiate institute Oct. 30.

(Photos by Amy Sonnenberg)

TEACHERS' STRIKE

Sign of the times



A picket sign stands propped up against a post outside Kitchener collegiate institute Oct. 30.

(Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)

Prep time, class size not the issue

By Erica Ayliffe

Teachers' federations in Waterloo region say the problems with Bill 160 are with the government having complete control of the education system.

"The coverage that we have been given by the press has fed right into the (education) minister's smoke screen that says we are worried about prep time and class sizes," said Diane Greenhalgh, women's president of Waterloo Region's Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation.

"It's once you get into sections 257 and beyond, which gives 100 per cent control of the education system into one person's hands—the minister of education, that we start to have problems," said Tom Byers, chief negotiator for Waterloo Region's branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

"All Bill 160 says about the issues of class size, prep time and unqualified teachers in the classroom is that we wouldn't be able to negotiate them at the local level and that the minister will dictate them," said Byers.

"Our concern is not how much prep time the government is going to cut. Our concern is they will control it rather than us negotiate it with our local school boards," said Byers.

"Even if (Education Minister Dave Johnson) is willing to put into the legislation that current levels of prep times are protected, that's still not satisfactory because they are removing our negotiating rights."

Shirley Boddy, first vice-president of the women's section of Waterloo Region's Ontario

Public School Teachers' Federation, said Bill 160 does not give any figures regarding class sizes.

"In the bill it's not a maximum, it's a minimum number for class sizes and we don't know what minimum they're going to set," she said.

Boddy said class sizes in Waterloo public schools are around 22 students.

"They could increase that to 30 and say OK that's the minimum," said Boddy. "They have not come out with any numbers. (The government) is using inaccurate wording with the public by using the word limit when they refer to class sizes."

Patricia Cannon, president of Waterloo's Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association said, "The minister has the power to determine decisions on class sizes. There is nothing in the Bill that states class sizes are going to be smaller or are going to be limited to a particular number."

Cannon said the same situation applies to unqualified teachers in the classroom.

"This Bill gives the government the power to decide what a teacher is and what classes require a qualified teacher."

Another issue concerning teachers is that Bill 160 gives the minister of education the right to dissolve a school board.

Byers said, "If the minister decides he or she isn't happy with the local school board, the minister can appoint somebody to run the school board. This government appointee would take over complete control. Any decisions that are made by that one person are not open to

question or appeal in a court. Therefore, we have lost any sense of democracy related to our education system."

Boddy said Premier Mike Harris is using tax dollars to wrongly inform the public on the issues of Bill 160.

She said Bill 160 does not deal with standardized testing, standardized report cards or the new curriculum.

"These are three things that Mike Harris keeps saying on the news and in the commercials," said Boddy.

"There is absolutely nothing in Bill 160 that deals with standardized testing," she said. "That started last year. It's not an issue with us. There is absolutely nothing in Bill 160 about the new curriculum. That was dumped in our laps in the beginning of September and we're implementing that right now. Standardized report cards, again nothing to do with Bill 160."

"The public is not getting accurate information because we can't afford the tax dollars Harris is spending on publicity," she said.

"The most devastating issue," said Cannon of OECTA, "is the powers the government is granting itself in this bill that enable them to do all the things they say will improve education, but in fact just grant them complete power and control of the education system."

Byers of OSSTF said, "As long as that section of the bill is in place where parents and school boards and teachers are removed from having any input into education, then there is not room for compromise."

"Once that's removed there will be lots of room for compromise," he said.

Understandable website logs into Bill 160 issues

By Amy Sonnenberg

Are you still confused about Bill 160? Are you still unsure about what the government wants, what the teachers want and how to keep up to date on all of it?

Flashpoint Ontario has created an understandable website that shows a number of the sides of Bill 160 at www.echelon.ca/flashpoint.

The home page opens with a large box that keeps count of how many school days the strike has gone on for. Below is a list of links: the bill, analysis, links, editorial and e-mail us.

The bill link allows you to download the complete text of the first reading of Bill 160 as it was presented in the legislature.

The analysis link explains the bill in greater detail. For example, there's a translation of key clauses. The governmental jargon is put into simple English so you can understand what the bill really means.

There are also several analyses from teachers explaining what the bill is doing to them, and an article from some lawyers describing the legal issues.

Each write-up has a brief, but descriptive summary, so you can

decide whether you want to read it.

Click on links to reach several sites devoted to Bill 160. Since new sites are being created all of the time, the list of links grows each day.

The editorial link takes you to the current and past "webitorials" as well as letters to the editor e-mailed by Flashpoint Ontario visitors, so you can get an idea of what people who aren't in the government or on the picket lines are thinking.

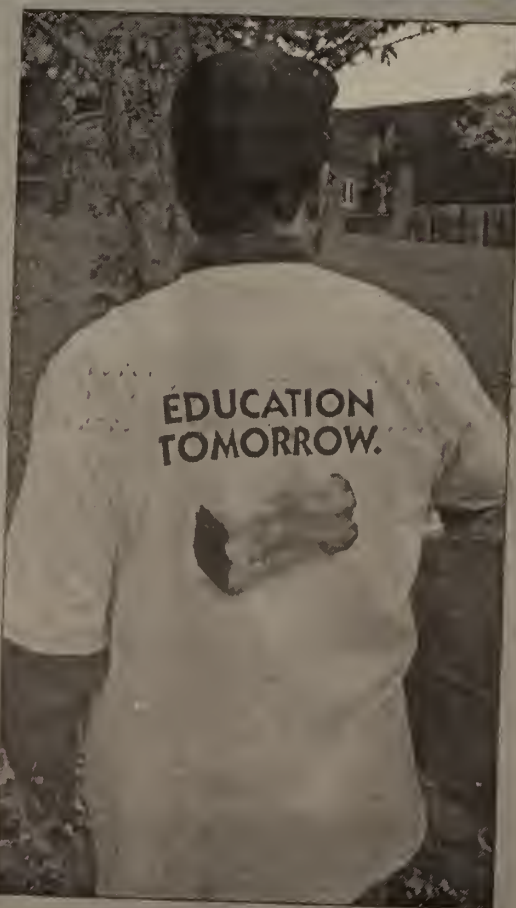
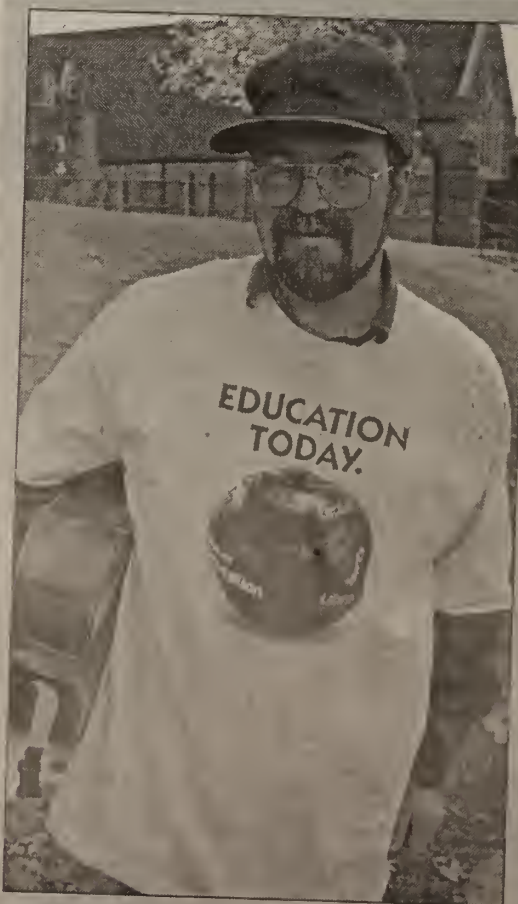
The e-mail us link allows you to e-mail your letters to the editor and comments and suggestions concerning either Bill 160 or the site directly to the site's operators.

These links stay posted along the left side of the screen at all times so you can go anywhere within the site at any time.

Back on the home page, you'll find top news stories and the picture of the day, both suggesting the site is updated often. You'll also find the site's table of contents and the number of hits, or visitors, to the page since it went online.

In seven days, 1,623 people visited the Flashpoint Ontario website.

Here today ...



Phil Martin, a teacher at Shephard's elementary school, sports a protest T-shirt. He played his anti-government song for the picketing teachers at KCI on Oct. 30.

(Photos by Amy Sonnenberg)

Injunction denied

By Erica Ayliffe

Justice James MacPherson denied the provincial government's application for an injunction to end the teachers' walkout Nov. 3.

Justice MacPherson said the government failed to prove the strike has caused irreparable harm or that it will do so in the immediate future.

This decision has left the public wondering when the teachers will return to work.

Tom Byers, the chief negotiator for Waterloo's branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said the strike will continue until amendments are made to Bill 160.

"What we have told our members is that the Ontario Teachers' Federation, when they called this job action, said we'll be out as long as it takes, and right now we'll be sticking by that phrase unless we get directions otherwise."

Shirley Boddy of the Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation said, "When the government removes Bill 160 is when the issue will be resolved."

Justice MacPherson stated before the injunction application went to court that he would delay his decision if there was an indication that secret talks between the government and the unions were proceeding well. He did not delay his decision.

On Nov. 3, the OTF and the provincial government sat down again to discuss the bill, but there is a media blackout on those discussions.

Diane Greenhalgh, the president of the women's branch of the

Ontario Public School Teachers' Association's Waterloo branch, said the OTF will decide what course of action to take.

"Bill 160 still sits there and that's the real annoyance," said Greenhalgh. "The government has spent the last week trying to get an injunction which they should have known was an inappropriate route. We've wasted all this time when we could have been sitting down and getting to the task of solving the problem."

"Not a single one of us wants to be out walking the picket line," said Rich Costello of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association. "That's not what I do for a living."

Two school board chairpersons in Waterloo Region feel the teachers shouldn't have left their jobs in the first place.

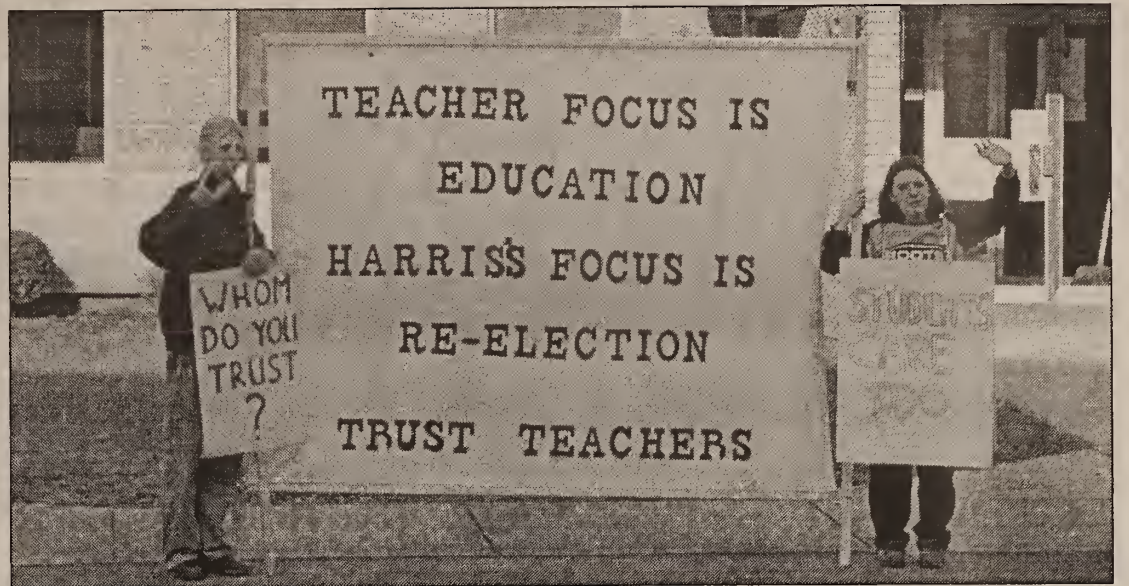
"I feel the current strike is illegal and they shouldn't be out there," said Jim Wideman, the chairperson of the Waterloo County board of education.

"We believe they should take their fight out with the province in other ways," he said. "They should be back in the classrooms."

Betty Kreader, chairperson for Waterloo's Catholic separate school board said, "We look on it as an illegal strike. We understand their concerns. I have some of the same concerns, but they should go about their concerns in other ways."

Teachers' protests will continue while the government devises another strategy or resumes negotiations.

Justice MacPherson said that further decision on the legality of the teachers' strike will have to be made by the labor board.



Some KCI students stand in support of the teachers' strike.

(Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)

Teachers applaud injunction failure

By Greg Bisch

The failure of Mike Harris's provincial government to force teachers back to work was the confirmation the teachers of Ontario needed, said the picket captain of Eastwood collegiate, David Brohman, while walking the picket line Nov. 3.

"It doesn't add any additional pressure to the teachers," he said. "Many are feeling pressures financially and in the community."

Waterloo regional district officer of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation agrees. "The failure of the injunction proves without a doubt that teachers are doing the right thing," said Geoff Deleplanque. "It proves that if any laws were broken, it was truly justified."

Justice James MacPherson concluded on Nov. 3 that a court injunction to force teachers back to work would be inappropriate. He stated no irreparable damage

had been done the first week of the teachers' strike. As well, he said, no harm could come of the strike in the near future.

In a press conference, the same day, Ontario's Education Minister Dave Johnson was noticeably displeased. "It was an attempt on the part of the children and the parents to find a quick solution," he said. "The one thing and the only thing I am concerned about is the impact on the children. Everything else is irrelevant."

Pat Cannon, Waterloo region's female president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association said students are the teachers' prime concern.

"It hurts the teachers not to be in the classroom. It hurts them a lot. They would much rather be with their students," said Cannon. "Despite of this hurt, the teachers realize they have to keep on fighting to prevent the devastation of Ontario's education and the democratic process."

She added for the most part parents and students support the 126,000 teachers.

Brohman said his staff has received more than sufficient support. "We have people stopping and bringing us coffee and donuts. I've never had so many donuts." Just then a man shouted angrily from his car. Brohman waved. "Not everybody supports us," he conceded.

Brohman added the failure of the injunction uplifted an already high moral.

"How can this be a moral victory," said Johnson at the conference. "The children are still outside the classrooms." He added that society as well as the lives of parents are still disrupted. "Is that what the unions consider a moral victory?"

"We understand the inconvenience for the parents and how difficult it is," said Cannon. "We hope that this (the strike) is short term."

Education minister amends Bill 160

By Erica Ayliffe

Education Minister Dave Johnson made some amendments to Bill 160 Oct. 30, but local teachers' federations aren't satisfied.

Johnson made two amendments to the bill.

The first revision removed the clause that would have allowed unqualified teachers in the classroom.

The second amendment bars elementary and secondary school principals and vice-principals from belonging to unions.

"A couple of the amendments are quite encouraging," said Rich Costello of Waterloo Region's Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association. "However, the amendment withdrawing principals and vice-principals from the bargaining unit is, well, the Toronto Star called it punitive the other day."

"They are teachers as well," said Costello. "To remove them is to invite them to become just professional office managers and lose any kind of touch with education."

"If you take a look at office managers in hospitals, you don't

necessarily have to have any qualifications in health care to run a hospital."

Costello said the amendment Johnson made concerning unqualified teachers is a positive one.

"The training we take as teachers is in addition to the training we take in subject matter," he said.

The women's president of Waterloo's Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation, Diane Greenhalgh, said, although Johnson has made some changes to Bill 160, there were no major changes in substance.

"In a general way, the amendments indicate the government may be willing to make some changes and we're happy with that."

"Unfortunately, the amendments that Johnson mentioned didn't really accommodate the concerns that we have."

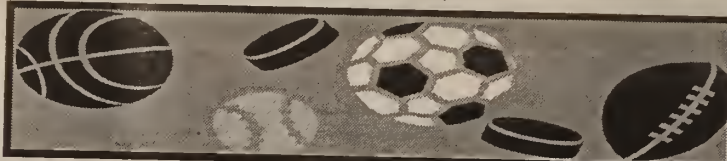
Greenhalgh said her major concerns with Bill 160 are the clauses that give complete control of decision making to the minister of education without requiring any input from the public.

Children's Wish Tree



Students Helping Students with children at Christmas

Students wishing to register their children to receive a gift may do so at the DSA Office by November 14



Sports



Indoor soccer league keeps frantic pace



Andrea Heroux fires a shot wide, past watchful goalkeeper Nancy Tucker, during a practice on Nov. 3.

(Photo by L. Scott Nicholson)

By L. Scott Nicholson

To the uninformed outsider, indoor and outdoor soccer can appear to be very similar games. However, according to Conestoga Condor soccer coach, Geoff Johnstone, comparing indoor and outdoor soccer is like comparing field hockey to ice hockey.

"It's a completely different game," Johnstone said.

He said players must contend with a confined playing area and said perhaps the most significant difference between the two sports is the walls.

Dealing with the walls and the irregularities of every gym or arena is something that every player must take into consideration, Johnstone said.

A certain kind of player is also required. The coach said what makes a good outdoor player won't necessarily make a good indoor player.

"Players who run hard and fast

outdoors have difficulty inside because of the confined space," Johnstone said.

The Condor coach said an ideal indoor soccer player has great ball-handling skills with the ability to accelerate and stop quickly.

These attributes are reflected in practices where Johnstone and assistant coach, Duane Shadd, run the teams through intensive shooting drills, and what Shadd calls, "suicide drills." The drills are a series of quick sprints back and forth from various points on the gym floor.

Despite the differences between the two games, Johnstone still prefers to see a style of soccer in which his team controls the tempo of play.

With only five players out and a goaltender, Johnstone said, the goalie will often be used as a sweeper in what he calls his Mohammed Ali-float like a butterfly-sting like a bee approach to the game.

Running of the Bulls coming to an end

By Matt Harris

Over the past few seasons, the landscape in the National Basketball Association has been covered in hoof prints left by the Chicago Bulls' rampage over nearly every other team. Michael Jordan and company have managed to stay together for one more year, but this season won't end with them celebrating another title.

The Bulls are still a great team, but with Scottie Pippen out for at least two months to start the season, Chicago will be hard pressed to get out of the gate quickly. Dennis Rodman must step up his role and scale back his antics, both on and off the court, if the Bulls want to be in the thick of things come playoff time. This doesn't look likely, seeing as Rodman is playing under a contract he is unhappy with.

Look for the New York Knicks, Detroit Pistons and Miami Heat to be right with the Bulls in the eastern conference most of the season. If they can stay healthy, the aging Knicks pose the biggest threat to Chicago. Patrick Ewing, Larry Johnson and new addition Chris Mills give the Knicks solid performers at positions the Bulls will have problems with.

Miami would be the favored team were it not for centre Alonzo Mourning's knee operation keeping him out for a spell. The Heat need their centre to control the defense, and it will be questionable as to how effective Mourning will be when he returns.

Detroit got better with the addition of Brian Williams, but they still lack depth at guard to seriously challenge Chicago. Do-everything star Grant Hill can only carry so much of the load, and Detroit has just a little too much resting on his shoulders.

Things out west will be just as

interesting. The Lakers have Shaq, but San Antonio added the number one draft pick, Tim Duncan, to a front line that already has David Robinson.

The key for the Spurs will be Robinson's return from back problems that kept him out of all but six games last season. Consider the Lakers and Spurs to cancel each other out.

Defending conference champion, Utah, has problems of its own. All-time assist leader John Stockton is out with a bum knee for the beginning of the season. So, it remains to be seen just who will get the ball to Karl Malone.

With that said, there is one team in the west that looks to be one step ahead of the rest. The Seattle SuperSonics finally traded unhappy star forward Shawn Kemp, sending him to Cleveland in a three-way deal that landed the Sonics an All-Star, forward Vin Baker, from Milwaukee. Combine fresh new legs with the leadership of guard Gary Payton and you end up with a new conference champ and the team that will end the Bulls' dominance over the NBA.

If Kevin Garnett, the Minnesota Timberwolves \$126 million-dollar-man, doesn't get weighed down by his wallet, he will lead the team back into the playoffs. Another few years and they'll be contenders.

The Canadian teams went in opposite directions in the off-season. Toronto picked Tracy McGrady out of high school in the draft, which was wrong. They need a player who will mature faster.

The Vancouver Grizzlies took Antonio Daniels to shore up the point guard spot for them. Daniels will grow up faster than McGrady, and that means good things for the Grizzlies. It should be a good year for the NBA in the Pacific northwest.

Soccer season kicks off

Condors move inside

By L. Scott Nicholson



Condor John Callaghan toes into a ball during a shooting drill at practice on Nov. 3.

(Photo by L. Scott Nicholson)

The soccer pitch outside the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre is now a barren field. Gone are the chalked white lines and meshing for the nets. But inside the gymnasium, the thunderous boom of soccer balls being lambasted off the walls is a soothing sound. Soothing if you are Geoff Johnstone, head coach of both men's and women's indoor soccer teams.

Johnstone, who said he is an outdoor soccer purist at heart, has had considerable coaching success over the years with his indoor soccer teams, including three gold, seven silver and three bronze medals.

Within a matter of days, after the completion of their outdoor seasons, the men and women Condors were hanging up their cleats and putting on their court shoes as the beginning of the Conestoga College indoor soccer league started.

Both teams are currently playing Tuesday and Thursday nights in a league based on teams from the Kitchener district soccer league.

With a full slate of games in their very competitive, local league, the Condors will also be involved in inter-collegiate play in the new year.

The competition from other schools will take the form of weekend tournaments to be played at Sheridan, George Brown and Redeemer colleges.

The top two teams from the west division Redeemer tournament will play against the top two teams from Ontario's east and central divisions on March 20 and 21 at the OCAA finals. The finals are to be hosted by Conestoga College.

Condors win 5-1

Top-notch Fleming team goes down in icy flames

By Corina Hill

The Kitchener Rangers aren't the only team from this area to be at the top of their league.

The Conestoga Condors men's hockey team is rapidly moving up the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association totem pole.

In both of their games this season, the Condors have defeated each team by over four goals, putting them in the number one position in the league.

In their latest game, the Condors

defeated the Sir Sanford Fleming Auks 5-1.

Condor Chris Palubski scored twice for Conestoga during the game at Lindsay. The assistant captain continues his reign as the league's leading goal scorer. Palubski's efforts have earned him the OCAA male athlete of the week for the week of Nov. 3.

Palubski wasn't the only Condor to score in the game.

Sean Murray, Trevor Uhrig and Chris Bumstead added singles for the Condors.

Last year, the Auks placed second behind Cambrian, with five players from Sir Sanford Fleming named to the OCAA all-star team.

Sir Sanford Fleming coach, Don Dunford, was only able to get his team to muster one goal past Condor goalie Darryl Whyte. Whyte led the defence for the Condors with 39 saves in the game.

The veteran Condor has been proclaimed the key defensive player for the Condors by Conestoga's athletic director Ian James. Whyte will have to continue his strong goaltending as the Condors play Seneca Nov. 5, and Sault College Nov. 7.

Seneca will see a different team than when they last played the Condors during exhibition play. Condor coach Kevin Hergott had yet to pick his final roster when they faced-off against Seneca at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre. Seneca won the game 9-3 in a disappointing upset for the Condors.

Another surprise for Seneca will be Conestoga's strong offense. Having six of the top 10 scorers in the league, the Condors are expected to play strongly against the Scouts.

After playing Sault College Cougars Nov. 7 in Sault Ste. Marie, the Condors have some time off. Conestoga will play against the Cougars Nov. 22 at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre. The game starts at 2 p.m. with \$1 admission.

Conestoga hockey player OCAA athlete of the week

By Corina Hill

With the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association hockey season underway, the Condors are flying high above the rest.

With the guidance and leadership of one player, the Condors are leading the pack.

Chris Palubski was recently named OCAA athlete of the week for the week of Nov. 3 for his role in Conestoga's two victories.

Palubski is leading the league in points, having netted four goals and assisted on three others.

Conestoga opened the season with victories over the College Boreal Vipers (7-2) and Sir Sanford Fleming Auks (5-1).

Last season, Palubski led the

scoring for the Condors with 17 points but was unable to take the team to the championship.

His early season splurge caught the attention of Conestoga athletic director Ian James. In a press release from the OCAA, James said, "Chris is an exceptional hockey player who has a great scoring touch. With every game Chris and the rest of the team's confidence is growing, which helps to add to the great chemistry they have developed thus far."

Palubski is the second Conestoga athlete to be named athlete of the week.

Condor's softball pitcher Jill Kuntz was named athlete of the week in October for her strength both on the mound and at bat.

Jock Talk

Money wins the prize

If winning a major sporting championship is one of your dreams, all you need is a bulging bank account — just ask Wayne Huizenga.

The owner of the Florida Marlins, this year's World Series champions, only had to shell out \$100 million last summer in order to get to the promised land. But that land isn't quite what it used to be. What once was a utopia for hard-working, dedicated athletes is now a resume-booster for multi-millionaires.

Huizenga, who claims he lost \$34 million this year despite winning the title, is now looking for buyers for his Miami-based franchise. This just may be the best thing that has happened in sports in the last five years.

If this ludicrously rich, corporate America posterboy has actually lost money in his successful quest to attain sporting glory, other owners may be scared off by these purchasing tactics.

The Florida Marlins are a classic example of what purchasing power can do for you in sports. In the past few years, they have robbed the systems of less financially sound teams, like the Montreal Expos and Pittsburgh Pirates for scouts, managers, front office personnel and, of course, players.

Major League baseball has turned into a three-tier system, with a handful of teams who have the money to move above the competition, a slew of other

teams who are middle class and can stay competitive, and several bottom-feeders who serve as little more than farm systems to the upper class.

The argument is made that the Montreal Expos are always in the hunt despite a miniscule pay roll, but the fact of the matter is that they will never be able to rise to the top.

Their ability to compete is a credit to the scouts and management who are now employed by the top dogs, and the Expos always remain a player or two away from playoff contention due to financial limitations.

The Florida Marlins followed in the tradition of every sports franchise that has ever won a championship — they paid the price.

But this was a different price. It wasn't the bumps and bruises of the 1950s Montreal Canadiens, it was the green and plastic in Wayne Huizenga's wallet.

While it is sad that sport is coming to this, the light at the end of the tunnel may be the fan reaction to such triumphs. As evidenced in Huizenga's money-losing season, the fans no longer want to pay exorbitant prices to watch over-paid athletes lounge their way to championships on the coattails of a rich owner's spending ability.

It removes everything that is appealing about sport. Triumph in the face of defeat, mind over matter. David slaying Goliath. We need it back.



Dan Meagher

MEN'S HOCKEY

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Conestoga	2	2	0	4
Seneca	1	1	0	2
Boreal	2	1	1	2
S. S. Fleming	1	0	1	0
Sault	2	0	2	0
Cambrian	0	0	0	0

LEADING PLAYERS

NAME	TEAM	PTS
Chris Palubski	CON	7
Rene Tache	BOR	4
Darryl Sinclair	CON	4
Trevor Uhrig	CON	3
Matt Goodburn	CON	3
Julien Cote	BOR	3

LEAGUE RESULTS

Oct. 25	Boreal 2	Conestoga 7
Oct. 30	Conestoga 5	S. S. Fleming 1
Oct. 31	Boreal 5	Sault 2

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Pumpkins invade Sanctuary

by Rita Fatila

Management studies students should not be allowed to play with knives.

This seemed to be the message at the Doon Student Association pumpkin carving contest in the Sanctuary Oct. 30 where about a dozen students from many programs turned seven pumpkins into seven jack-o-lanterns.

But it was management studies students who seemed to enjoy carving and hacking the most.

"It's going to be a pumpkin from hell - flamehead," said Thomas Muller, second-year management studies student and DSA communications coordinator, about his pumpkin.

Muller at least had a vague plan about what his finished pumpkin would look like. Although a few carvers drew a sketch of their jack-o-lantern on a piece of paper before carving, most were led by their knives.

Jason Perri and Gary Pellich, two second-year management studies students, definitely fell into this category. At first, they

seemed concerned about the better planned carving going on around them, until Perri reminded Pellich, "As long as we're carving we're having a good time."

It was also a messy time, as pumpkin guts spilled on the table that the DSA had thoughtfully covered with issues of Spoke.

Julie Fontes and Diane Melo, second-year management studies students, were two of the few students who kept their hands and shirts clean throughout the entire process.

"It's called talent," said Fontes.

Others were not so lucky.

"It's getting so slimy I can't even hold on to it," said Muller as he finished creating Flamehead.

In the last minutes of carving, desperation took over some students.

"It's more fun doing this," Perri told Pellich, stabbing their pumpkin randomly with a butcher knife.

Pellich agreed, decorating the pumpkin with more gashes when Perri was done. As a final decoration, the pair stuck the knife in the pumpkin's head.

What did they call their cre-

ation? "Dead," said Perri.

The six finished jack-o-lanterns, consisting of three devils, a pirate, Flamehead and Dead, were placed on the stage to be judged by CCMX, who were broadcasting from the Sanctuary.

The third prize, consisting of T-shirts, was given to Fontes and Melo for their neat-looking devil pumpkin.

"We were inspired by Jason and Gary," said Fontes.

The second prize, two pairs of Yuk Yuk's tickets, went to Perri and Pellich. When the CCMX announcer asked the two if they were inspired by Fontes and Melo, Perri said no.

Ironically, a management studies student did not win the grand prize, a Week Of Welcome kit which contained a keychain, pens and paper, among other things.

Instead, it went to a student in construction engineering technology for his devil pumpkin.

All participants were then asked to come to the stage, receive a bag of treats, and, of course, collect their jack-o-lanterns.

photo by Rita Fatila

Jason Perri,
second-year management studies

Hey!

it's entertainment

Student learning rises to new heights

by Casey Johnson

A business management student was levitated approximately three feet off the stage in the Sanctuary Oct. 31.

Marie Megens, a first-year business management student, volunteered to participate in the Second Sight performance hosted by the Doon Student Association (DSA). She was guided by illusionist and psychic partners, Jeff Evason and Tessa, as her body floated in mid-air.

"I guess it was mind over matter," said Megens. "I didn't know what was happening, I was just listening to him (Evason) as he talked me through it."

Tessa and Evason will be performing in Singapore and appearing together in a special on the Discovery channel soon. She amazed students by knowing the serial number on a \$20 bill, revealing the names of people she had never met and disclosing birthdates of people

in the audience.

Steve Wilson, a first-year broadcasting student, was asked to go up on stage with the duo and to gently rock back and forth two old chalkboard slates, fastened with elastic bands, and to think of the name and face of someone in his life.

A few minutes later, the once blank slates revealed the name of his mother, Arlene Bray, of whom he was thinking.

Terry-Lynn Dorscht, a second-year law and security student, aided Evason while the two elevated a wooden table about two feet off the stage.

Tessa then performed what she called Psychometry. Five bags were circulated around the room and students placed an object of personal meaning in one of the bags. Then, Tessa held on to each object while performing a psychic reading on them and their owners.

The performance left students amazed by the pair's ability to read minds and perform the extraordinary.

Hey!

photo by Matt Harris

Second Sight psychic Jeff Evason performs a levitation trick on Marie Megens.

Students special on Conestoga Nights

By Hunter Malcolm

Conestoga Night at Mrs. Robinson's in Kitchener on Nov. 5, which this year featured Crimson and Total Harmonic Distortion, is an annual event organized to give live music fans a chance to experience regional talent and an opportunity for up and coming musicians to showcase their craft.

Steve Harris, Conestoga's entertainment manager, said the evening is designed as an affordable option for students to get out and see some live bands.

"It's a night where Conestoga students are given special priority in terms of cover prices," he said.

With a \$5 advanced ticket price, the night is indeed a good value for live entertainment.

Harris said the lesser known bands offer a certain integrity in their live playing.

"There is a certain sincerity which encompasses bands trying to break into the music market," he said. "The energy of this drive, geared towards critical acclaim rather than financial reward, is perhaps the essence of rock and roll."

He said it is not necessarily the polished acts which offer the greatest energy at a show, but rather those acts struggling to develop their own style.

Last summer, Harris attended the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities, a national

conference which showcases bands available to schools across the country.

He said Crimson was picked up as part of a package with the Killjoys, who played here earlier this year.

"The COCA conference basically features smaller, lesser-known bands. It gives them a chance to present themselves to us and it gives us a chance to see what's out there and get experience with the promotional side of entertainment," he said.

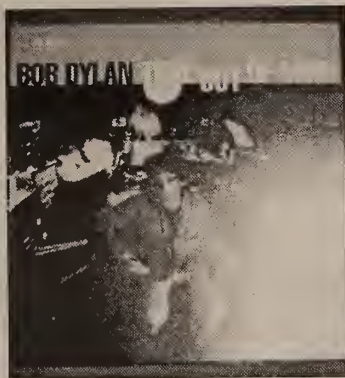
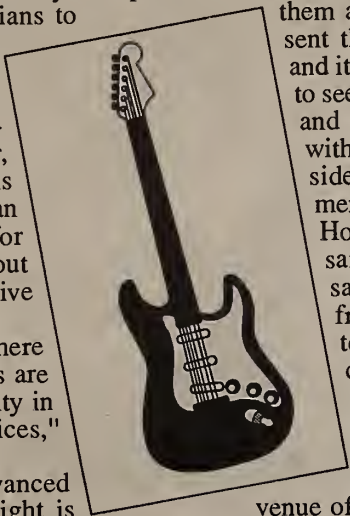
However, Harris said the greatest satisfaction comes from putting together a successful evening for both music fans and the band.

He said the venue of Mrs. Robinson's is ideal for this sort of event, for two reasons.

"The students are able to enjoy a band in the intimate setting of a 300-person capacity bar, which keeps fans up close and personal with the music. As well, the location of Mrs. Robinson's, at Weber and Victoria streets, is a conveniently central location itself within the city."

For the bands, it is a chance to introduce themselves to the Kitchener-Waterloo scene.

The Nov. 5 show was the first for Crimson in this area. The show precedes the release of their first CD which is scheduled to be released some time around Christmas.



by Corey Jubenville

How many folk songs can one man sing before they've all been sung? And how many albums can one man put out in one lifetime? The answer, my friends, is blowin' in the wind, the answer is blowin' in the wind.

Bob Dylan's latest album, Time out of Mind, is his 41st album. It also happens to be the highest charting debut in his 36-year career.

The album entered the Billboard 200 at number 10, selling around 100,000 copies in its first week, and is Dylan's first release of new songs since 1990's Under the Red Sky.

The album is a collection of back to basic blues, with producer Daniel Lanois helping out on tracks like Love Sick and Dirt Road Blues, a tune that sounds like it was

inspired by Bo Diddley.

Basic blues drumming, patented Dylan guitar picking and lyrics like, "Gonna walk down that dirt road until my eyes begin to bleed" make this one of the best tracks on the album.

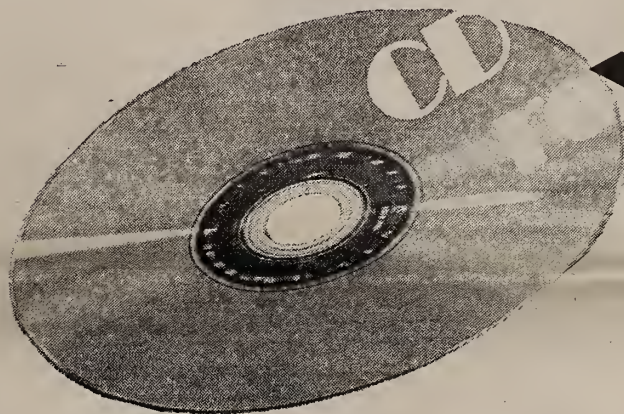
Standing in the Doorway is a slower song with dark overtones. "Yesterday was movin' too fast, today's movin' too slow. I got no place left to turn, I got nothin' left to burn."

The vox organ and quiet rhythms fit the song perfectly.

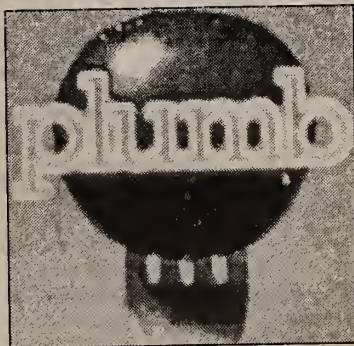
Cold Irons Bound starts off with an eerie echo that turns into a heavy blues song with the dark overtones found throughout the CD.

Over all, the album sounds like something Dylan might have put out 30 years ago.

Good songs and good grooves. This album is a definite buy for all Dylan fans.



views



Plumb is one band to keep an eye out for

by Barbara Ateljevic

Plumb's debut, self-titled album is one to watch for in the coming months. It is sure to be a hit with young adults who have been waiting for a band that features a strong-willed lead singer like Tiffany Arbuckle.

Each song on the album is written from Arbuckle's personal experiences and she maintains a strong, steady beat throughout the album.

Arbuckle started her career singing in nursing homes, homeless shelters and anywhere she felt there was a need to have music.

Plumb is a modern rock album filled with an inventive guitar sound and good lyrics.

The album starts off with Sobering (Don't Turn Around) which is fast-paced and one of the best songs on the album.

Who Am I?, the song to follow, is kind of whiny. The chorus, "Who am I to compare my pain to yours? Suffering is sweet agony," makes the song out to be kind of cheesy and slow.

The next song, Unforgivable, was written

about Arbuckle's best friend in high school who was constantly told by her stepfather that she was inferior to his real daughter.

Endure shows Arbuckle's voice as sweet; her lyrics are innocent and simple, but the song is good.

The next song, Willow Tree is about alcoholism. Her lyrics seem to come from the heart. "Through my selfishness, Couldn't see where you were coming from, It took your learning to see, To see what I'd become, You saw past all the things I'd done."

Concrete is a heavier, faster-paced song and Crazy is just annoying. The chorus is repeated too often and the lyrics are not even good.

Pennyless is about homelessness. Arbuckle says it is based on her uncle who tried to be a millionaire all his life.

When he realized it would probably never happen, he gave up hope.

The last song, Send Angels, starts off very slow but ends with a fast version of the chorus. It is a good song and ends off the album well.

Gary McGill

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DOON STUDENT ASSOCIATION

At the movies

A Life Less Ordinary isn't too extraordinary



Burt Reynolds and Mark Wahlberg in *Boogie Nights*.

Boogie down to Boogie Nights

by Rita Fatila

Early in *Boogie Nights*, porn producer Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds) describes what he wants from his films and audience.

"I want them to sit in their joy juice because they can't leave until they know how the story ends," he says.

Horner's films, with their stilted dialogue and cheesy plots, never accomplish this. *Boogie Nights*, however, with its poignant acting and dialogue, does.

This brilliant film chronicles the rise, fall and rise again of porn star Eddie Adams, also known as Dirk Diggler. Mark Wahlberg plays Eddie beautifully as a meek, innocent kid who sees his 13-inch penis as the only way out of a hellish home.

After hooking up with Horner at a nightclub, Eddie meets an array of people much more complex than the one-dimensional characters they play in Horner's films.

There's Amber Waves (Julianne Moore), an actress who mothers Horner's younger actors to make up for the son she isn't allowed to see anymore.

There's Buck Swope (Don Cheadle), a washed-up actor trying to get out of the porn industry, only to be haunted by past work.

And, quite possibly stealing the show, there's Rollergirl (Heather Graham), a high school dropout who never takes off her

skates.

Rollergirl is Eddie's match when it comes to being innocent and wordly at the same time, a porn veteran in her early 20s who lives with Horner and Amber as their pseudo-daughter.

Since *Boogie Nights* has only an R rating, it depends on more indirect ways to show certain controversial subjects.

For example, the real star of the film — the 13 inch penis attached to Wahlberg — isn't shown until the last scene of the movie. Throughout *Boogie Nights*, the raised eyebrows, wide eyes and dropped jaws of people who see Dirk's "talent" convey it's size.

Unfortunately, this subtlety doesn't apply to violence. While the drug overdoses are understandable, as is the scene in which Rollergirl kicks a high school tormentor in the face with her skates, there are several dumb forays into *Pulp Fiction* territory.

A robbery scene in which Buck ends up covered in brains and blood will have you wondering why writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson shys away from showing a penis, but gives air time to someone with a gaping shotgun wound in the head.

Not only are the scenes useless, they drag the movie out longer than it needs to be. You might be checking your watch when Dirk and friends spend 20 minutes of the movie at a free-baser's house, but be patient — the sad yet hopeful ending of *Boogie Nights* is just as good as the beginning.

Hey!

by Alison Shadbolt

A Life Less Ordinary is the latest effort by the British director-producer-screenwriter team that brought us *Shallow Grave* and *Trainspotting*. With this film however, Danny Boyle, Andrew MacDonald and John Hodge diverge from their successful black comedy formula and miss the mark.

Despite strong acting by American Cameron Diaz (*My Best Friend's Wedding*) and Scot Ewan McGregor (*Trainspotting*), *A Life Less Ordinary* falls a little flat as the American romantic comedy with a twist that the cast and crew were aiming for.

McGregor plays an incompetent janitor with big dreams of becoming a writer.

When he's replaced with a robot and so goes to ask the boss for his job back, he meets Diaz, the boss's spoiled, cold-hearted, gun-toting daughter.

He finds himself speeding away from the company in a stolen car with the girl and a gun, and he can't quite figure out who kidnapped whom.

The audience knows this is the handiwork of two unlikely angels, played by Holly Hunter (*The Piano*) and Delroy Lindo (*Get Shorty*). They've been instructed by the angel Gabriel to bring Diaz and McGregor together and restore heaven's faith in true love,

or face eternal banishment on earth.

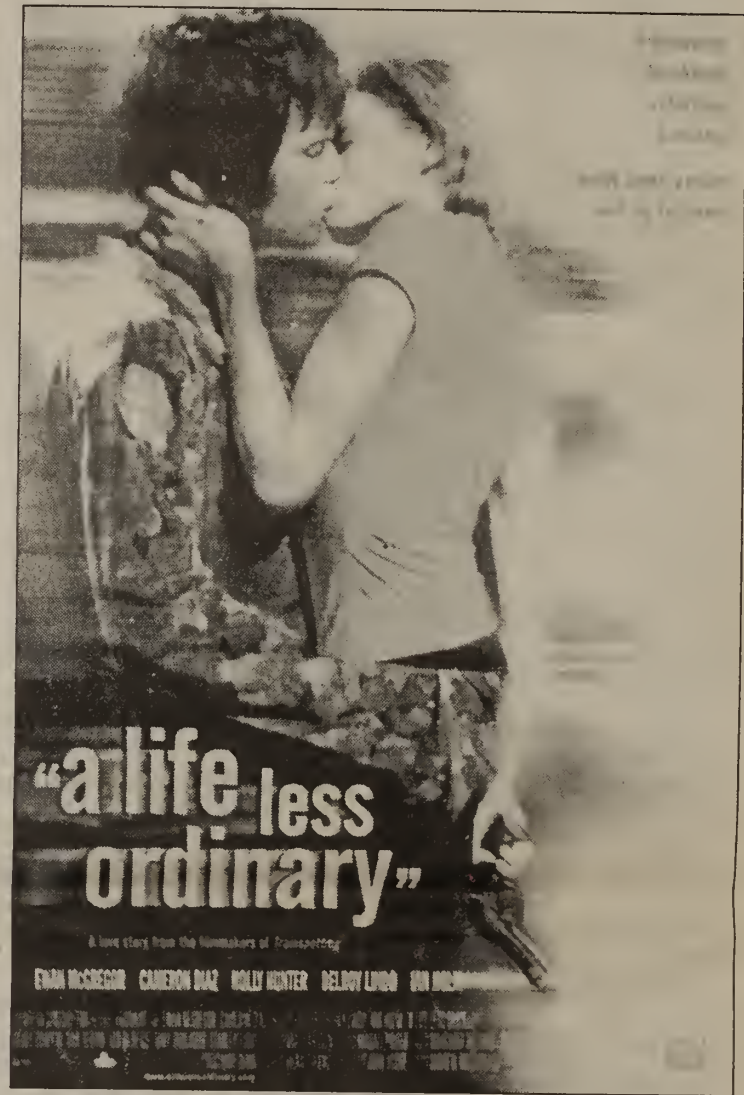
Eventually McGregor realizes Diaz is on his side,

although her intention

is revenge against her greedy father, and the two come together in a plot to part daddy from a bag full of cash.

But the angels' plan of true love falls through and they go to great lengths to bring it back on track.

The scenes of a heaven filled with waiting rooms and people in



pure white suits are generic, but the portrayal of Hunter and Lindo as more Charlie's Angels than characters in *Touched by an Angel* is a good idea in theory. In reality, they do get laughs but often go way over the top into ridiculous. Some of Hunter's scenes resemble bad early '80s horror movies.

One thing that does work is the play on male-female stereotypes. Diaz is the strong, smart partner and McGregor is the sensitive one who whines and cooks dinner. The chemistry between the two is obvious and, throughout most of the movie, they're fun to watch.

The addition of quirky background characters, like a bar

owner who spouts love advice and a crazy mountain man with a mysterious barking friend, also makes the movie interesting.

Unfortunately, many recent movies are unnecessarily long and this one is no exception. *A Life Less Ordinary* would be a much better film if it were tightened up in places.

Most of the movie is fun to watch, with the exception of the last few minutes, and has a great soundtrack, but *A Life Less Ordinary* is not memorable.

This is one of those movies that's worth renting or watching on cable, but probably not worth spending the \$8.50 price.

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OUT AND ABOUT

NOT YOUR AVERAGE CUP OF COFFEE

Coffee shops are no longer four-walled drab buildings, filled with tired truckers looking for their fix. Nowadays, you can surf the net, watch live entertainment or listen to a band as you sip away at a piping hot cup of coffee.

All over Kitchener, specialty coffee shops are popping up on every street corner. Included in this is Korova, a youth-run coffee house located at 79 Joseph St., Kitchener.

About three years ago, then 16-year-old Chad Krulicki approached Kitchener city councillors with the idea to run a youth-run coffee house. His perseverance paid off when Korova celebrated its grand opening on Sept. 29, 1995.

Two years later, Korova is still growing strong. Korova is made up of one large room decorated with

nished with vintage couches, arm chairs and tables. It's definitely no Tim Horton's. Korova's atmosphere really caters to comfort and a certain hip attitude.

Aside from a menu consisting mostly of snack foods



and a wide variety of coffees and soda beverages, Korova also offers patrons live entertainment.

The initial decision to include live entertainment was to promote local talent, said Krulicki.

"We thought it would be neat if we could have shows where we would have better-known Canadian bands playing with local talent, in order to promote local musicians," said Krulicki. "That's what we're all about -

endorsing the local art scene."

Another reason for live entertainment is the fact that it brings in a fair amount of revenue for Korova, said Krulicki.

"When there's live entertainment, those are the nights that are usually the busiest. We can have anywhere from 60 to 100 people show up, so it gets pretty crowded and, of course, you're going to make good money," said Krulicki.

The live entertainment doesn't only consist of live music, but also includes shows supporting local artists.

"We've had a few open poetry nights, a couple of fashion shows and about three art shows," said Krulicki.

The cover cost varies, but it usually doesn't exceed \$5, said Krulicki. Every Thursday, Henry and the Folk perform at Korova.

"Henry and the Folk is kind

of a live jam night where some people show up with guitars. Now, Henry is moving to the States so he's having a farewell show at Mrs. Robinson's in the upcoming two weeks. So Thursday nights will probably be cancelled with him," said Krulicki.

Also headlining every Friday is Matt Osborne, a local solo acoustic guitarist. Weekly performances change from week to week, except for the Friday night attraction. All events are all-ages since Korova is not licensed.

"In the upcoming month or so we're probably going to have a monthly flyer posted out that will have a listing of all our events on a monthly basis. It's easier to market that way," said Krulicki.

Korova's hours are Tuesday to Thursday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday to Saturday 4 p.m. to 12 p.m. The store is closed Sunday.

KOROVA



CHAD KRULICKI (LEFT) AND BROTHER ADAM CHILL OUT AT KOROVA.

Just Between Us

The room is beautifully decorated with a definite hipness to it. An eye-catching centrepiece displays unique picture

frames, vases, statues and candle holders, while the surrounding area displays a variety of clothes from funky velvet pants to furry collared jackets.

Just Between Us, a clothing and giftware store, was opened last June by owner Linda Wall. The meaning behind the store name is along the lines of a secret that wasn't told, said Wall.

"I called it Just Between Us because I wanted it to be something that just spreads around word of mouth. Something that is intimate between two women, friends or mothers and daughters," said Wall.

Wall was not hesitant about opening her store despite the fact that for the last few years councillors have been pondering how to rejuvenate the downtown core. Business for her has never decreased and Wall said it depends on attitude.

"You kind of have to take the challenge and wake people up. I've done a lot of advertising through my own promotional stuff to get people downtown. I did my own fashion shows and private parties and the more the people are down here the better," said Wall.

The decision to open her own store came after she became a single mother. At the time she was doing giftware wholesale, but she had to discontinue since she could not travel as much. In previous years she owned a store in Waterloo also entitled

Just Between Us, which carried vintage clothing.

The current store in Kitchener carries exclusively Canadian products and clothing designed by Canadian designers such as Comrags, Deamons in My Closet, Damzels in This Dress, Powerline and Brenda Beddome, to name a few.

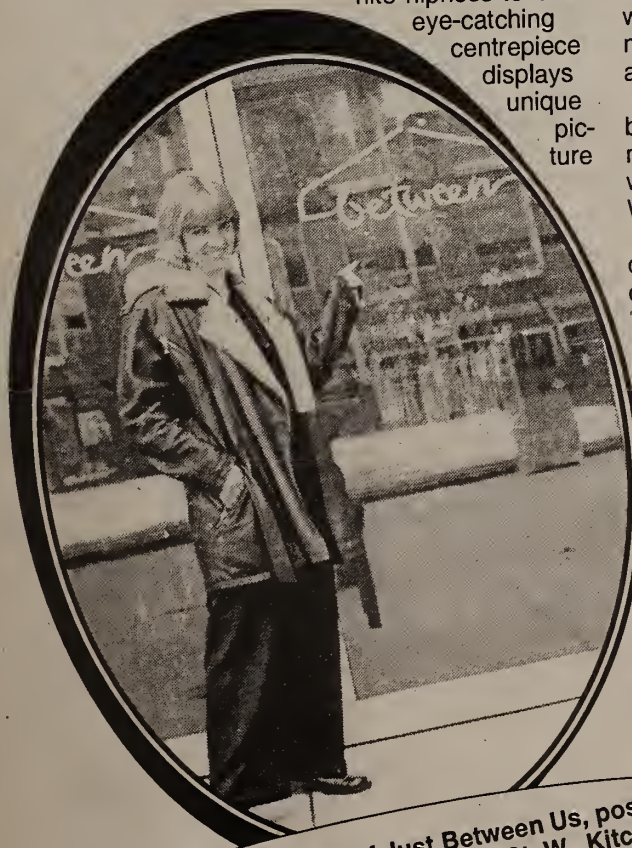
"I just support Canadian-made products, however, I do directly import iron work pieces and bowls, but that's because my parents are missionaries in Haiti, so we help with rural development," said Wall. "I support young Canadian designers just because they are unique and loyal. They have something to offer that's different than at the malls or other boutiques, and they're reasonably priced, not out of wack."

Prices range from item to item and vary according to the designer. On average, dresses range anywhere between \$100 to \$190, pants from \$60 to \$150, jackets from \$150 to \$300, blouses and shirts from \$60 to \$95 and sweaters from \$60 to \$80.

Besides clothing, Just Between Us also carries a lot of handcrafted jewelry and household items.

"People are getting to know the store for it being unique and different in that they're not going to see it anywhere else," said Wall.

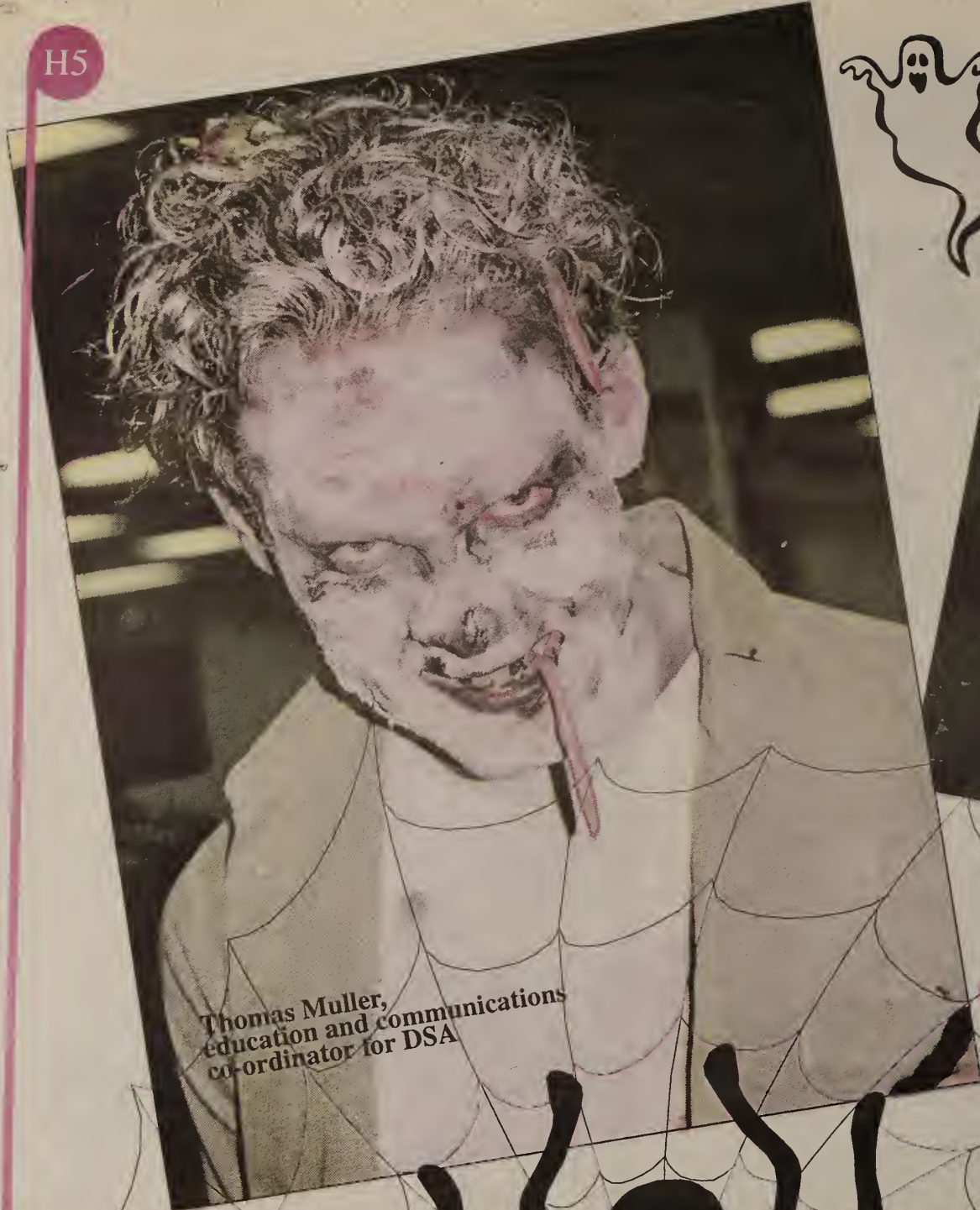
Just Between Us is located at 220 King St. W., by City Hall. Fall hours are Monday to Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Linda Wall, owner of Just Between Us, poses outside of the store on 220 King St. W., Kitchener.



Photos and Stories
by Natalie Schneider



Thomas Muller,
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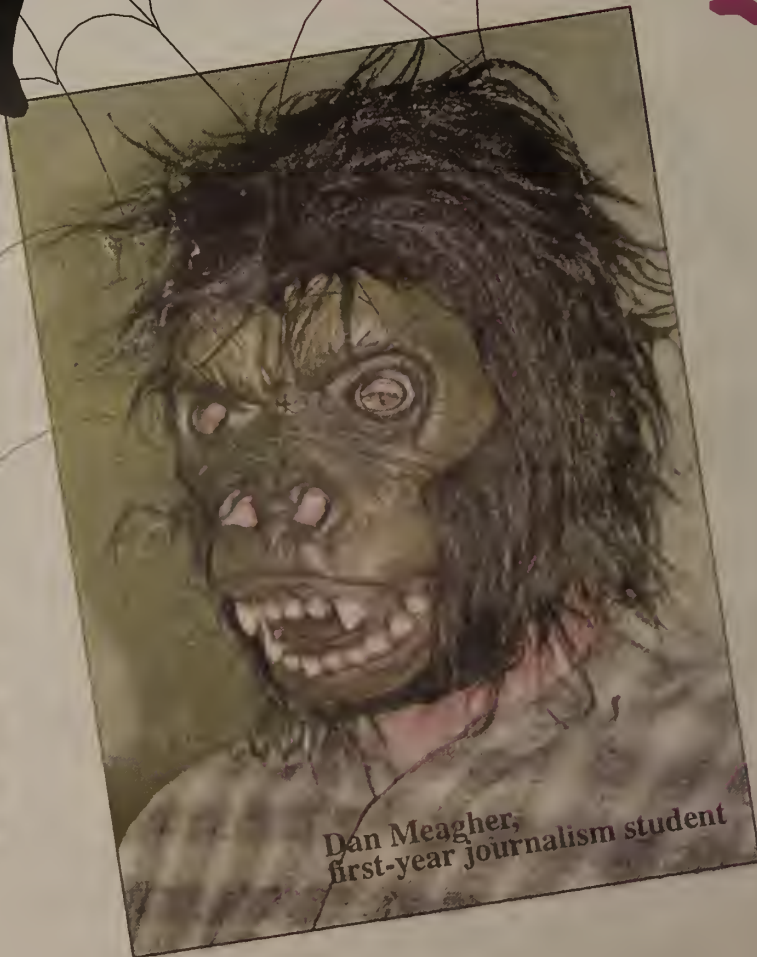


Chris Kroeker, DSA president

College life gets scary



Brian Bombrick,
DSA promotions assistant



Dan Meagher,
first-year journalism student

Hey!

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